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1                   **[IN OPEN SESSION ITEMS CS-1 AND CS-2**  
2                   **WERE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO JULY 5, 2016]**

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6   [GAVEL.]

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8   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. BUENOS DIAS.  
9   THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS JUNE 28, 2016  
10  MEETING WILL NOW COME TO ORDER. THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING  
11  WILL BE LED BY ADAM ANDERSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF KINGDOM  
12  CAUSES LONG BEACH IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH. AND THE PLEDGE  
13  THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY ANDY MOSTOVOJ, CAPTAIN, CALIFORNIA  
14  AIR NATIONAL GUARD RESERVES. CALABASAS. PLEASE STAND.

15  
16  **ADAM ANDERSON:** GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU TO THE BOARD OF  
17  SUPERVISORS FOR HAVING ME THIS MORNING. THANK YOU, CONNIE AND  
18  SUPERVISOR KNABE. PLEASE BOW YOUR HEADS OR ASSUME WHATEVER  
19  POSITION SUITS YOU. GOOD FATHER, CREATOR AND LOVER OF ALL LIFE  
20  AND GIVER OF ALL GOOD GIFTS, THANK YOU FOR THIS DAY IN WHICH  
21  YOUR MERCIES ARE NEW, IN WHICH WE STAND IN YOUR PRESENCE READY  
22  TO PARTNER WITH YOU IN THE PROGRESS AND GROWTH OF OUR BELOVED  
23  COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK,  
24  PLAN AND LABOR TOGETHER ON BEHALF OF YOUR CREATION AND CREATED  
25  ONES. THESE VESSELS OF YOUR IMAGE ARE CONSTANT REMINDERS TO US



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1 THAT YOU ARE PRESENT AND THAT HERE IN THIS ROOM, THESE TRUSTED  
2 OFFICIALS HAVE THE PRIVILEGE AND RESPONSIBILITY OF MAKING  
3 DECISIONS THAT WILL IMPACT THE LIVES OF YOUR IMAGE BEARERS WHO  
4 YOU CARE SO DEEPLY FOR. IT IS WITH THIS IN MIND THAT I PRAY  
5 FOR A SPIRIT OF CAMARADERIE, UNDERSTANDING, LISTENING, WISDOM  
6 AND STEWARDSHIP OF ALL OF OUR EXPERIENCES, STRENGTHS AND  
7 KNOWLEDGE WHICH INTERSECT AND COME TO BEAR IN THIS VERY ROOM  
8 TODAY. GIVE YOUR GRACE IN THIS PROCESS WE PRAY, AMEN.

9

10 **ANDY MOSTOVOJ:** GOOD MORNING. PLEASE FACE THE FLAG. PLACE YOUR  
11 RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR HEART. IF YOU ARE A VETERAN, YOU MAY  
12 RENDER A HAND SALUTE AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.  
13 [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ON  
18 BEHALF OF MY COLLEAGUES, WE WANT TO THANK PASTOR ADAM ANDERSON  
19 FOR JOINING US TODAY AND GIVING US HIS INVOCATION. PASTOR  
20 ANDERSON HAS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES FROM  
21 MOUNT UNION UNIVERSITY IN ALLIANCE, OHIO, AND HE IS ORDAINED  
22 AS A PASTOR THROUGH LONG BEACH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH. HE  
23 IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF KINGDOM CAUSES LONG BEACH, WHICH  
24 IS A NONPROFIT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION THAT EQUIPS  
25 NEIGHBORS TO SEEK SHALOM, NOTHING MISSING, NOTHING BROKEN, IN





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1 THE NEIGHBORHOODS, IN THE CITY, THROUGH AN ASSET-BASED  
2 COMMUNITY TRAINING, TECHNOLOGY AND COLLECTIVE IMPACT. KINGDOM  
3 CAUSES LONG BEACH IS ALSO THE LEAD AGENCY FACILITATOR AND CO-  
4 FOUNDER OF THE LONG BEACH HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASKFORCE, WHICH  
5 WE TRULY APPRECIATE. HE RESIDES IN THE GREATER LONG BEACH AREA  
6 WITH HIS WIFE, SIX-YEAR-OLD SON, AND IS COMMITTED TO SEEING  
7 CITY-WIDE TRANSFORMATION HAPPEN ONE NEIGHBOR AT A TIME. SO  
8 PASTOR ANDERSON, WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO  
9 COME DOWN AND LEAD US WITH THE INVOCATION. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. TODAY I'D LIKE YOU  
14 TO HELP ME THANK THE PERSON WHO LED US IN THE PLEDGE OF  
15 ALLEGIANCE. CAPTAIN ANDY MOSTOVOJ, OF THE U.S. ARMY,  
16 CALIFORNIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD, CAPTAIN MOSTOVOJ SERVED IN THE  
17 U.S. ARMY FROM 1999 TO 2004 AND SERVED IN THE CALIFORNIA AIR  
18 NATIONAL GUARD SINCE 2005. HE WORKS AS A FIREFIGHTER FOR L.A.  
19 COUNTY AT STATION 67 AND IS MARRIED WITH TWO YOUNG CHILDREN,  
20 NOELLE AND NICOLAI. PLEASE HELP ME THANK CAPTAIN MOSTOVOJ.  
21 [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS MORNING WE'LL BEGIN BY HAVING  
24 OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER CALL THE AGENDA.

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1   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR AND  
2   MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 3,  
3   REPORTS. ON ITEM R-1, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM  
4   BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JULY 12, 2016. ALSO ON THIS ITEM,  
5   COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THE PORTION RELATING TO COUNTY  
6   COUNSEL'S REPORT BE REFERRED BACK TO HER DEPARTMENT. ON ITEM  
7   R-2, THIS WILL BE HELD FOR A REPORT. ON PAGE 4, PUBLIC  
8   HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 9. ON ITEM NO. 1, THE DIRECTOR OF  
9   PUBLIC WORKS REQUESTS THAT PETITION 39-613 LA CRESCENTA AVENUE  
10   BE CONTINUED TO JULY 26, 2016. AND ON ITEM NO. 8, SUPERVISOR  
11   KNABE REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO JULY 26, 2016. THE  
12   BALANCE OF THESE ITEMS WILL BE HELD FOR PUBLIC HEARING. ON  
13   PAGE 8, ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 10  
14   THROUGH 23. ON ITEMS NO. 10 AND 11, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE  
15   REQUESTED THESE ITEMS BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 12, SUPERVISOR  
16   KNABE REQUESTS TO BE RECORDED AS ABSTAIN AND A MEMBER OF THE  
17   PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 14, THIS  
18   ITEM WAS REVISED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND SUPERVISOR  
19   RIDLEY-THOMAS AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED THAT  
20   THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 15, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS  
21   REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 18, SUPERVISOR KUEHL  
22   REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JULY 12,  
23   2016. ON ITEM 22, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND A MEMBER OF THE  
24   PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 23, A MEMBER OF



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1 THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING  
2 ITEMS UNDER THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THESE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
5 KUEHL. SECONDED, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

6

7 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 13, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS  
8 24 THROUGH 30. ON ITEM NO. 24, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT  
9 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO JULY 12, 2016. ON ITEM NO.  
10 25, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE  
11 HELD. ON ITEM 26, THE CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INTERNAL  
12 SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE  
13 DEPARTMENT. ON ITEM 29, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND A MEMBER OF THE  
14 PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE REMAINING  
15 ITEMS ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THESE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
18 RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

19

20 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 17, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS  
21 TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE  
22 OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON  
23 ITEM 31-A, THIS MATTER IS BEFORE YOU.

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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SECONDED  
2   WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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4   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM 31-B, THIS MATTER IS BEFORE  
5   YOU.

6

7   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
8   ANTONOVICH. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

9

10   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM 31-C, THIS MATTER IS BEFORE  
11   YOU.

12

13   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL.  
14   SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

15

16   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** AND A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS  
17   REQUESTED TO SPEAK ON ITEM C.S.--2. THAT COMPLETES THE READING  
18   OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH  
19   SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 1.

20

21   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO  
22   OUR ESTEEMED GUEST, CONSUL GENERAL OF BELGIUM, RUDI  
23   VEESTRAETEN. THE CONSUL GENERAL WAS ACCREDITED TO HIS POST IN  
24   LOS ANGELES ON SEPTEMBER OF 2012. HIS JURISDICTION INCLUDED  
25   ALL THE STATES WEST OF TEXAS, INCLUDING ALASKA AND HAWAII,



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1 AMERICAN SAMOA, GUAM, MICRONESIA, THE MARIANA ISLANDS AND  
2 PALAU. HE WAS ACTIVELY PROMOTED COMMERCIAL AND TRADE CULTURAL  
3 RELATIONS BETWEEN LOS ANGELES AND BELGIUM. HE SERVED AS LOCAL  
4 CHAIR FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION, FACILITATING DIALOG AND CONTACTS  
5 BETWEEN LOS ANGELES AND THE E.U. HE INITIATED AND ORGANIZED  
6 THE FIRST EUROPEAN UNION FILM FESTIVAL IN LOS ANGELES. HE WAS  
7 PRESIDENT OF THE CONSULAR PRESS ORGANIZATION AND CO-CHAIR OF  
8 THE CONSULAR ADVISORY BOARD OF THE PACIFIC COUNCIL. HE SERVED  
9 AS THE SECRETARY OF THE LOS ANGELES CONSULAR CORPS AND WAS  
10 INSTRUMENTAL IN THE RECENT REVAMPING OF THAT ORGANIZATION. IN  
11 AUGUST THE CONSUL GENERAL WILL BE RETURNING TO BELGIUM. HE  
12 WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. BUT HE WILL BECOME THE MINISTER'S  
13 DIRECTOR OF PRESS AND COMMUNICATIONS. HE WILL BE GREATLY  
14 MISSED BY ALL OF US. AND ON BEHALF OF THE 10.3 MILLION  
15 RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THE BOARD OF  
16 SUPERVISORS DOES HEREBY EXTEND OUR BEST WISHES AND CONTINUED  
17 SUPPORT. AND WE'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.  
18 [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **HON. RUDI VEESTRAETEN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND IT'S FOR ME AN  
21 HONOR AND A REAL PLEASURE TO BE HERE. YOU KNOW, AFTER FOUR  
22 YEARS IN LOS ANGELES, I FEEL LIKE I HAVE HALF BECOME-- I  
23 BELONG HERE. WHEN MY STAFF GAVE ME A FAREWELL GIFT, IT'S A  
24 COUPLE OF CUFF LINKS WITH A MAP OF THE COUNTY. SO I'M WEARING  
25 IT WITH PRIDE. I CAN SAY AFTER FOUR YEARS TODAY: ICH BIN EIN



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1 ANGELINO. AND ALSO I SAY THIS, I HAVE NOW ALMOST 34 YEARS OF  
2 CAREER BEHIND ME AND A FEW YEARS LEFT TO GO. AND FROM THE  
3 BEGINNING, I HAVE REALLY BEEN TRYING TO BE-- TO PROMOTE THE  
4 IDEA OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN ALL MY JOBS I DID  
5 THROUGHOUT THESE 30 YEARS, INCLUDING, OF COURSE, IN LOS  
6 ANGELES. AND I HOPE THAT THIS SPIRIT OF INTERNATIONAL  
7 COOPERATION, WE CALL THAT MULTILATERALISM, THAT IT WILL BE  
8 CONTINUE TO THRIVE AND THAT IT WILL BE SOMETHING WE CAN ALL  
9 ENJOY. THERE'S SOME CLOUDS ON THE HORIZON ALL THE TIME AND  
10 MAYBE MORE TODAY THAN THERE WERE IN THE PAST, BUT I BELIEVE  
11 THAT THIS IS THE FUTURE OF THIS WORLD. I THINK THAT IF WE  
12 REALLY WORK TOGETHER BETWEEN NATIONS, THAT WE CAN MAKE THE  
13 WORLD GREAT AGAIN. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS?

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
18 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. I HAVE A VERY SPECIAL PRESENTATION  
19 TODAY. AND A SAD ONE, AS WELL, TOO. AND WITH OUR PRESENTATION  
20 ON THE DISABILITIES COMMISSION AWARD WINNERS TODAY, I THOUGHT  
21 IT VERY APPROPRIATE, AS WELL. IN MY MANY YEARS OF PUBLIC  
22 SERVICE, I HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE TO MEET SOME EXCEPTIONAL  
23 LEADERS, BUT THERE IS ONE LEADER THAT IS VERY SPECIAL TO ME,  
24 ONE OF MY SHE-ROES, ONE I'LL NEVER FORGET AND THAT'S WENDY  
25 WELT NARROW. AM I RIGHT? I SAY THAT BECAUSE SHE'S MARRIED, HAS



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1 SOME KIDS. BUT WHEN SHE FIRST BECAME MY APPOINTEE SHE WAS ONLY  
2 19 YEARS OLD. AND SHE'S BEEN A COMMISSIONER ON DISABILITIES  
3 COMMISSION FOR 18 YEARS REPRESENTING ME. AND I'VE HAD THE  
4 PRIVILEGE OF WATCHING THIS REMARKABLE WOMAN DEVELOP FROM A  
5 TEENAGED STUDENT AT LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE TO THE LOVING WIFE  
6 OF HUSBAND ANTHONY AND HER TWO CHILDREN KAITLYN AND JEREMY. I  
7 JUST FOUND OUT KAITLYN'S IN SIXTH GRADE, RIGHT? I'M GETTING  
8 OLD. BUT THE FIRST TIME I MET HER, I WAS TAKEN BY HER ZEST FOR  
9 LIFE AND HER GENUINE PASSION FOR HELPING OTHERS, ESPECIALLY  
10 PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. IN SPITE OF SOME VERY DIFFICULT  
11 CHALLENGES, SHE HAS ALWAYS APPROACHED LIFE WITH A SMILE SO  
12 WARM AND GENUINE THAT IT'S HARD NOT TO SMILE BACK. SINCE  
13 BIRTH, SHE HAS LACKED BOTH ARMS AND LEGS, BUT THAT HASN'T PUT  
14 A DAMPER ON HER LOVE FOR LIFE. SHE KNEW EARLY ON THAT HER  
15 LIFE'S CALLING WAS ADVOCATE FOR THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH  
16 DISABILITIES AND TO INSPIRE THEM TO NEVER, NEVER GIVE UP, TO  
17 NEVER LET A DISABILITY STAND IN THE WAY OF THEIR DREAMS. FOR  
18 THOSE WHO HAVE KNOWN AND LOVED HER, WE WILL MISS HER AS SHE  
19 PURSUES A DREAM SHE'S HAD FOR HER CHILDREN. SHE AND HER FAMILY  
20 WILL BE BUYING THEIR FIRST HOME AND ARE VERY THRILLED ABOUT  
21 THAT BUT ARE MOVING OUT OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I'M ALSO  
22 DELIGHTED TO TELL YOU THAT SHE'S STARTING HER MASTER'S PROGRAM  
23 IN PSYCHOLOGY THIS YEAR WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF LAUNCHING A  
24 CAREER AS A COUNSELOR. I'LL TELL YOU WHAT, I KNOW YOU'RE GOING  
25 TO BE A GREAT ONE. YES, WE'LL TRULY MISS HER AND SHE'S BEEN MY



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1   INSPIRATION AND FRIEND FOR THESE OH SO MANY YEARS. THE  
2   RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY AND MYSELF HAVE BEEN BLESSED TO HAVE  
3   WENDY IN OUR LIFE TO INSPIRE OTHERS AND TO LEAD OUR EFFORTS  
4   FOR THOSE WITH DISABILITIES TO BE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THEIR  
5   DREAMS. SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD AND THE 10-1/2 MILLION  
6   RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, A HEARTFELT THANKS,  
7   WENDY, FOR YOUR SERVICE OF 18 YEARS AS A MEMBER OF THE  
8   DISABILITIES COMMISSION. WE'RE SO PROUD OF YOU. I ADORE YOU.  
9   [APPLAUSE.]

10

11   **WENDY WELT NARRO:** IT'S BEEN SUCH AN HONOR, SIR. THANK YOU,  
12   SUPERVISOR, AND IT WAS A VERY HARD CHOICE TO LEAVE AND I'M  
13   GOING TO MISS YOU AND MISS EVERYBODY ELSE. AND THANK YOU SO  
14   MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

15

16   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CONGRATULATIONS. MEMBERS AND  
17   AUDIENCE, SINCE 2003, THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES HAS BEEN  
18   ABLE TO AWARD MORE THAN \$80,000 IN EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS.  
19   THE SCHOLARSHIPS HAVE HELPED EXTRAORDINARY INDIVIDUALS EXTEND  
20   THEIR EDUCATION BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL AS WELL AS ACHIEVE  
21   INDEPENDENCE AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY. THERE ARE THREE DIFFERENT  
22   TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS STUDENTS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY  
23   FOR: THE BERNARD SIEGEL AND BILL TANTER SCHOLARSHIP, THE  
24   ERNEST T. HAMILTON, JR. SCHOLARSHIP, AND THE RUBEN ANTHONY  
25   RIOS CREATIVE ARTS AND DESIGN SCHOLARSHIP. I WOULD NOW LIKE TO





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1 MENTION TWO AWARDEES FROM THE FIRST DISTRICT WHO HAVE BOTH  
2 RECEIVED THE BERNARD SIEGEL AND BILL TAINTER SCHOLARSHIPS,  
3 AUDREY CHEN AND STEVEN HERNANDEZ THOMAS. PLEASE COME FORWARD.  
4 WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU. AND WE'LL TAKE A PHOTO.  
5 [APPLAUSE.] I WOULD JUST LIKE TO MENTION THAT AUDREY IS  
6 GRADUATING FROM DOWNTOWN MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL IN JUNE AND WILL  
7 BE ATTENDING PASADENA CITY COLLEGE AND PURSUING A CAREER IN  
8 COMPUTER PROGRAMMING. WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE HER. [APPLAUSE.]  
9 AND STEVEN IS GRADUATING FROM SCHURR HIGH SCHOOL IN MONTEBELLO  
10 IN JUNE AND WILL BE ATTENDING EAST LOS ANGELES COLLEGE. AND HE  
11 IS ACTIVELY PURSUING A CAREER IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING. SO  
12 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] BOTH ARE VERY CONSCIENTIOUS  
13 STUDENTS, AND WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THEM. AND WE ARE  
14 VERY THANKFUL THAT WE ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE THIS GENEROUS  
15 SCHOLARSHIP TO BOTH OF THESE INDIVIDUALS. SO WITH THAT, PLEASE  
16 GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU. I'D LIKE  
17 TO ASK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS IF HE COULD COME FORWARD AND  
18 JOIN US HERE.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. LADIES  
21 AND GENTLEMEN, DELIGHTED TO HAVE THREE RECIPIENTS FROM THE  
22 SECOND DISTRICT. AND WE GIVE ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO THOSE WHO HAVE  
23 ALREADY BEEN PRAISED TODAY. THEY DESERVE IT. MAY I ASK THAT  
24 DANIEL BARRIOS COME FORWARD? DANIEL? GIVE DANIEL A BIG ROUND  
25 OF APPLAUSE. COME RIGHT OVER. [APPLAUSE.] DANIEL IS GOING TO



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1 STAND RIGHT BY ME. THANK YOU. DANIEL GRADUATED FROM LYNWOOD  
2 HIGH SCHOOL THIS MONTH. CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR GRADUATION,  
3 DANIEL. AND AT LYNWOOD HIGH, DANIEL'S A MEMBER OF THE BASEBALL  
4 TEAM AND VARIOUS CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS. HE HAS BEEN  
5 ATTENDING EAST LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY COLLEGE WHERE HE PLANS TO  
6 PURSUE DEGREES IN ANIMATION AND MUSIC. DANIEL IS ALSO A  
7 DEDICATED VOLUNTEER AT THE LYNWOOD YOUTH CENTER. AT THIS TIME  
8 GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE DANIEL BARRIOS AS THE  
9 RECIPIENT OF THE BERNARD SIEGEL, BILL TANTER SCHOLARSHIP  
10 TODAY. GIVE HIM ANOTHER BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] NOW  
11 I'D LIKE YOU TO JOIN ME IN WELCOMING THE NEXT RECIPIENT WHO IS  
12 MARIA FLORES. MARIA? GIVE MARIA A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, WON'T  
13 YOU? [APPLAUSE.] MARIA IS A PATH FINDER. SHE GRADUATED FROM  
14 JOHN C. FREEMONT HIGH SCHOOL THIS MONTH. GIVE ANOTHER ROUND OF  
15 APPLAUSE FOR HER GRADUATION. [APPLAUSE.] SHE'S A LONG-TIME  
16 VOLUNTEER WITH UPWARD BOUND AND ALSO WORKS IN CUSTOMER SERVICE  
17 AT PAYLESS SHOE SOURCE. MARIA WILL BE ATTENDING LOS ANGELES  
18 TRADE TECHNICAL COLLEGE TO STUDY COSMETOLOGY AND PURSUE A  
19 CAREER AS A SKINCARE SPECIALIST. A NUMBER OF US COULD USE  
20 THEM. COME SEE ME AT YOUR EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY, WILL YOU? SO  
21 LET'S GIVE MARIA ANOTHER BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE.  
22 CONGRATULATIONS ON RECEIVING THE BERNARD SIEGER BILL TANTER  
23 SCHOLARSHIP. [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT, MARIA. AND THEN THE FINAL  
24 RECIPIENT IS CHELSEA ROBINSON. CHELSEA COME FORWARD. GIVE  
25 CHELSEA A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] COME ON OVER



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1    HERE. SHE RECENTLY COMPLETED HER FIRST YEAR OF COLLEGE AT THE  
2    CALIFORNIA LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY WHERE SHE EARNED A 3.86 G.P.A.  
3    YEA, CHELSEA! [APPLAUSE.] SHE'S KNOWN AS A PATIENT AND CARING  
4    VOLUNTEER AT THE CALIFORNIA TENNIS ASSOCIATION WHERE SHE  
5    TEACHES TENNIS FUNDAMENTALS TO OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE. SHE WILL BE  
6    TRANSFERRING TO LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY IN THE FALL AND  
7    INTENDS TO PURSUE A CAREER IN MULTIMEDIA DESIGN. SO PLEASE  
8    JOIN ME IN RECOGNIZING CHELSEA ROBINSON AS THE RECIPIENT OF  
9    THE RUBEN ANTHONY RIOS CREATIVE ARTS AND DESIGN SCHOLARSHIP.  
10    BIG SHOUT OUT TO CHELSEA. [APPLAUSE.] SHOUT OUT TO YOUR MOM  
11    BRENDA. HI, BRENDA. MADAME CHAIR? THE ONE AND ONLY SHEILA  
12    JAMES KUEHL. WELCOME SUPERVISOR KUEHL, PLEASE.

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14    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND  
15    TO THE CHAIR. BEFORE PRESENTING THE L.A. COUNTY COMMISSION ON  
16    DISABILITIES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS FOR THE THIRD  
17    DISTRICT, I WANT, JUST FOR A SECOND, TO INVOKE THE CELEBRATED  
18    AND DISABLED AUSTRALIAN COMEDIAN STELLA YOUNG. STELLA SAID,  
19    AND I QUOTE "THE ONLY DISABILITY IN LIFE IS A BAD ATTITUDE."  
20    WENDY AGREED. [LAUGHTER.] I CAN SEE THAT. SHE WANTED TO LIVE  
21    IN THE WORLD WHERE WE DON'T HAVE LOW EXPECTATIONS OF DISABLED  
22    PEOPLE, THAT IN HER WORDS, QUOTE, "WE ARE CONGRATULATED FOR  
23    GETTING OUT OF BED AND REMEMBERING OUR OWN NAMES IN THE  
24    MORNING. I WANT TO LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE WE VALUE GENUINE  
25    ACHIEVEMENT FOR DISABLED PEOPLE." 12 YEARS AGO THE L.A. COUNTY



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1 COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES HAD THE SAME VISION WHEN THEY BEGAN  
2 AWARDING MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS TO PROMISING GRADUATING HIGH  
3 SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH A VARIETY OF DISABILITIES. SO IT'S A  
4 GREAT PLEASURE FOR ME TO INTRODUCE THE THIRD DISTRICT'S  
5 RECIPIENTS OF THIS YEAR'S BERNARD SIEGEL AND BILL TANTER  
6 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS. THE FIRST MOLLY EKLUND. MAY I SEE MOLLY UP  
7 HERE, PLEASE. GIVE HER A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.]  
8 MOLLY'S GRADUATING FROM GROVER CLEVELAND HIGH SCHOOL  
9 HUMANITIES MAGNET THIS MONTH. SHE IS THE PRESIDENT OF HER  
10 SCHOOL'S WOMEN IN TODAY'S SOCIETY CLUB AND THE GENDER  
11 SEXUALITY ALLIANCE. SHE WILL BE ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF  
12 CALIFORNIA BERKELEY TO PURSUE-- WAS THERE A BERKELEY FAN OUT  
13 THERE? OH, THERE THEY ARE, OKAY. TO PURSUE-- I RUINED MYSELF  
14 BUT IT'S OKAY-- TO PURSUE A CAREER IN EDUCATION AND TO BECOME  
15 A TEACHER. SHE HOPES TO BECOME AN ADVOCATE FOR DISABILITY  
16 JUSTICE AROUND THE WORLD, AND SO YOU WILL, MOLLY.  
17 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] OUR SECOND RECIPIENT FROM THE  
18 THIRD DISTRICT IS BRANDON SHIN. HE'S GRADUATING FROM JOHN  
19 MARSHALL HIGH SCHOOL THIS MONTH. HE'S AN OUTSTANDING STUDENT.  
20 HE ENJOYS SKIING AND FENCING. AND HE IS A MUSICIAN. HE'S  
21 PLAYED THE DRUMS AT LOCAL VENUES LIKE THE MINT AND WHISKY- A-  
22 GO-GO-- THAT'S PRETTY COOL-- IN OUR DISTRICT. HE WILL BE  
23 ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA L.A. TO MAJOR IN  
24 ENGLISH AND TO PURSUE HIS DREAM OF BECOMING A WRITER.  
25 CONGRATULATIONS TO BRANDON. PLEASE GIVE HIM A BIG ROUND OF



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1 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] SO PLEASE JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATING BOTH  
2 OF THESE HARD WORKING STUDENTS FOR THEIR INCREDIBLE CAN-DO  
3 ATTITUDES AND THE WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENTS IN THEIR YOUNG LIVES.  
4 ANOTHER LAST ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THE THIRD DISTRICT.

5 [APPLAUSE.] NOW THE INCOMPARABLE DON KNABE. SEE HOW WE ALL GET  
6 ALONG HERE? SO COOL. YOU FIRST AND THEN I'LL LEAVE. NO, I  
7 WOULD THINK NOT. THAT WOULD NOT LOOK GOOD ON YOUR RECORD.

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9 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. NOW I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD  
10 AND RECOGNIZE THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITY SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS  
11 FROM THE FOURTH DISTRICT. FIRST OF ALL WE HAVE CABRINA BENSON  
12 WHO IS RECEIVING THE BERNARD SIEGEL BILL TANTER EDUCATIONAL  
13 SCHOLARSHIP. SHE JUST GRADUATED TWO OR THREE WEEKS AGO RIGHT,  
14 CABRINA? FROM MIRA COSTA HIGH SCHOOL AND WILL BE ATTENDING  
15 TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY IN THE FALL. SHE IS THE CAPTAIN OF  
16 THE MIRA COSTA DANCE TEAM, WON THE BEST DANCER AWARD, AND  
17 FIRST BEST LEAPS AWARD IN 2016. SHE'S EXTREMELY DEDICATED AND  
18 A HARD WORKING STUDENT, AND WE WISH HER WELL AS SHE CONTINUES  
19 HER EDUCATION AS A HORNFROG AT T.C.U., RIGHT? ALL RIGHT.

20 [APPLAUSE.] NEXT WE HAVE STEVEN CASTILLO, WHO ALSO RECEIVED--  
21 IS RECEIVING THE BERNARD SIEGEL BILL TANTER AWARD BUT HE'S  
22 NOT HERE TODAY. HE GRADUATED FROM LOS ALTOS, IS ATTENDING  
23 MOUNT SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE IN THE FALL, MAJORING IN ART. HE  
24 BELONGS TO THE ART HONOR SOCIETY, PARTICIPATED IN THE LOS  
25 ALTOS RENAISSANCE AND IS A CHOIR MEMBER OF L.A. HARMONY. SO WE





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1 WISH HIM WELL IN HIS COLLEGE CAREER AND ALL HIS FORWARD  
2 EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES. THIS IS THE FIRST YEAR OF A BRAND  
3 NEW SCHOLARSHIP NAMED AFTER MY DEAR FRIEND RUBEN RIOS. AND  
4 BEFORE I CALL UP THE RECIPIENT, I WANT TO EXTEND MY GRATITUDE  
5 TO MY GOOD FRIEND HERE THE CHAIRMAN, THE PRESIDENT, MR. CARLOS  
6 BENENIVES, AND TO THE ENTIRE COMMISSION FOR ESTABLISHING THIS  
7 VERY SPECIAL SCHOLARSHIP. ALSO IN THE AUDIENCE TODAY WITH US,  
8 WE HAVE RUBEN'S MOM, HI, MOM, RIGHT DOWN HERE, AND SISTER  
9 CAROLINA. SO MAMA, CAROLINA, LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF  
10 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] THE WINNER OF THIS VERY WONDERFUL AWARD  
11 IS ISABEL MENDOZA SANCHEZ. SHE GRADUATED FROM LA SERNA HIGH  
12 SCHOOL THIS YEAR AND IS ATTENDING PASADENA CITY COLLEGE IN THE  
13 FALL. SHE'S MAJORING IN CREATIVE WRITING. HER EXTRAORDINARY  
14 EFFORTS TO PURSUE AN EDUCATION BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL, HER  
15 WILLINGNESS TO SUCCEED, HER MOTIVATION TO DO HER BEST AND HER  
16 COURAGE TO OVERCOME LIFE'S UTMOST CHALLENGES MAKE HER VERY,  
17 VERY DESERVING OF THIS VERY SPECIAL AWARD NAMED IN MY DEAR  
18 FRIEND'S HONOR. [APPLAUSE.] NOW WE HAVE MR. CARL SHLUTER WHO  
19 IS RECEIVING THE ERNEST T. HAMILTON VETERAN'S SCHOLARSHIP.  
20 CARL IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED AT RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND  
21 PLANS TO ATTEND CAL STATE UNIVERSITY OF LOS ANGELES IN THE  
22 FALL TO PURSUE A DEGREE IN GEOLOGY. HE SERVED THE UNITED  
23 STATES ARMY, WHERE HE WAS A COMBAT ENGINEER, LED A SQUAD SIZED  
24 ELEMENT AND ALSO SERVES AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE RIO HONDO  
25 COLLEGES VETERANS CLUB. HE IS A VERY HARD WORKING, INTELLIGENT



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1 YOUNG MAN, HUMBLE STUDENT WHO HAS EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP  
2 QUALITIES. SO WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE CARL AND WISH HIM THE  
3 VERY, VERY BEST. [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU TO ALL THE HONOREES AND  
4 TO CARLOS AND TEAM HERE AT THE COMMISSION. WE THANK YOU FOR  
5 ALL THE WORK YOU DO EVERY DAY AND THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL DAY  
6 FOR ALL OF US. MR. ANTONOVICH?

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FOR THE FOUR RECIPIENT FROM THE FIFTH  
9 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT BEGINS WITH AHAY BAGADASSARIAN WHO IS  
10 ATTENDING THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA DAVIS, STUDYING  
11 GENETICS AND WILDLIFE REHABILITATION. HE'S INVOLVED IN THE  
12 COMMUNITY AND THE STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF  
13 ANIMAL SCIENCE FOR THE UNIVERSITY. SO CONGRATULATIONS.  
14 [APPLAUSE.] DANIEL HERNANDEZ IS A GRADUATE FROM JOHN KENNEDY  
15 HIGH SCHOOL IN THIS PAST JUNE AND WILL BE ATTENDING PIERCE  
16 COLLEGE AND MAJORING IN PHOTOGRAPHY. HE WORKED AT HOME GOODS,  
17 PARTICIPATED IN A COSTA RICA MISSIONARY TRIP AND HAS BEEN A  
18 CADET AT THE POLICE ACADEMY WHERE HE IS CARING, RESPECTFUL AND  
19 A VERY HARD WORKING CADET. [APPLAUSE.] OUR THIRD RECIPIENT IS  
20 RUTH MANSELLA, GRADUATE OF CITRUS COLLEGE THIS JUNE AND WILL  
21 BE ATTENDING CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY OF LOS ANGELES  
22 MAJORING IN BIOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCE. SHE HAS BEEN  
23 VOLUNTEERING AT THE MONROVIA YOUTH ALLIANCE AT FOOTHILL UNITY  
24 CENTER, PARTICIPATING IN NUMEROUS ACTIVITIES AT THE COLLEGE  
25 CHURCH ON CAMPUS AND IS A CARING AND VERY DRIVEN YOUNG LADY



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1 WHO IS GOING TO MAKE A GREAT SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.  
2 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.] OUR FOURTH RECIPIENT IS ELIZABETH  
3 YI, GRADUATE OF ARCADIA HIGH SCHOOL, THE APACHES, HAS  
4 MAINTAINED A 4 POINT G.P.A. IN FOUR YEARS. WILL BE ATTENDING  
5 PASADENA CITY COLLEGE IN THE FALL, PURSUING AN ART DEGREE. SHE  
6 INTENDS TO EXPAND HER SKILLS AND TALENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY AND  
7 WANTS TO ENTER THE WORKFORCE AS AN ILLUSTRATION AND GRAPHIC  
8 DESIGNER. GOOD. [APPLAUSE.] CONGRATULATIONS. MADAME CHAIR.  
9 TOOK A PICTURE, RIGHT?

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES. SHEILA? MARK? GROUP PICTURE? DO  
12 A GROUP PICTURE.

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'LL GET YOU ALL IN MORE.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, I'D LIKE TO CALL YOUR  
17 ATTENTION TO THIS VERY SPECIAL PRESENTATION THAT I WANTED TO  
18 MAKE THIS MORNING. TODAY I'D LIKE TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO  
19 THESE OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE HERE WITH US AT THE  
20 DAIS. SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE KNOWN, IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS WE HAD  
21 A TERRIBLE FIRE, AN EXPLOSION AT A FACTORY IN THE CITY OF  
22 MAYWOOD. AND MANY OF THE RESIDENTS THERE, ABOUT 200, HAD TO BE  
23 EVACUATED. THAT WAS QUITE A PHENOMENAL EXPERIENCE TO GO  
24 THROUGH. OUR OWN LITTLE DISASTER IN ONE OF THE SMALLEST CITIES  
25 IN L.A. COUNTY. AND I HAPPEN TO REPRESENT MAYWOOD. BUT I



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1 WANTED TO PAY TRIBUTE NOT SO MUCH TO OUR AGENCIES, BECAUSE  
2 THEY DO A LOT OF WORK, AND THAT IS VERY IMPORTANT, BUT THERE  
3 ARE PEOPLE WHO VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME, PEOPLE WHO DON'T EVEN  
4 LIVE IN THE AREA BUT CAME OUT TO HELP THOSE FAMILIES. AND I IN  
5 PARTICULAR AM VERY THANKFUL TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MEET THE  
6 OUTSTANDING PEOPLE THAT WERE THERE ON THE EVE OF THAT FIRE.  
7 THERE WAS A LOT OF CHAOS THAT SURROUNDED THE COMMUNITY, A LOT  
8 OF MISINFORMATION. AND PEOPLE WERE JUST LOOKING FOR HELP,  
9 REASSURANCE AND ASSISTANCE AND SOMEONE WHO COULD RELATE TO  
10 THEM, COULD SPEAK THEIR LANGUAGE AND TELL THEM WHAT THEY  
11 NEEDED TO KNOW BUT ALSO GAVE OF THEMSELVES BY VOLUNTEERING,  
12 SPENDING TIME BUT ALSO MAKING AVAILABLE FOOD STUFFS, WATER AND  
13 COMFORT AND EVEN RECREATION FOR CHILDREN. THERE WERE MANY  
14 SMALL CHILDREN, TODDLERS. WE HAD SENIOR CITIZENS THERE THAT  
15 NEEDED MEDICATION, THAT WERE IN WHEELCHAIRS. BUT MORE  
16 IMPORTANTLY WHAT WE SAW WAS A GOOD FAITH EFFORT ON BEHALF OF  
17 THE COMMUNITY AND I WANT TO AT THIS TIME AT LEAST CALL OUT  
18 SOME OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE REALLY OUR HEROES IN OUR  
19 COMMUNITY. AND I WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THE SOUTHEAST RIO  
20 VISTA Y.M.C.A. FOR ACTING AS A HAVEN, A SAFETY HAVEN WHERE  
21 PEOPLE COULD SPEND THE NIGHT FOR TWO OR THREE NIGHTS THERE.  
22 AND GOD KNOWS IT WAS SO WARM WE HAD A HEAT WAVE DURING THAT  
23 TIME. BUT THEY GLADLY PUT UP COTS ALONG WITH THE RED CROSS AND  
24 HELPED TO MAKE THAT THEIR HOME. AND LUCKILY THERE ARE SHOWERS  
25 THERE, THERE WAS A CAFETERIA THERE, THERE WERE PLAY ROOMS.



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1 THERE WAS ACTIVITY, THERE WAS INTERNET SERVICE, COMPUTERS. SO  
2 PEOPLE WOULDN'T JUST SIT IDLY BY. BUT THEY HAD AN OPPORTUNITY  
3 TO PUT SOME CONTEXT INTO WHAT HAPPENED. AND I WANT TO THANK  
4 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, PAT RENTERILLA, PLEASE GIVE HER A  
5 ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR SUPPORTING US. [APPLAUSE.] THIS WOMAN  
6 WAS OUTSTANDING. LITTLE DID SHE KNOW HER JEWEL OF A Y.M.C.A.  
7 WOULD BE UTILIZED IN THAT MANNER. AND IT WAS THE BEST PLACE  
8 FOR OUR COMMUNITY RESIDENTS TO BE AND FOR ALL OF US TO TAKE  
9 COMMAND AND CONTROL OF WHAT WAS NEEDED AT THAT TIME. SO THANK  
10 YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT. HER STAFF ALSO IS HERE. THEY ALSO SPENT  
11 MANY HOURS WITH OUR RESIDENTS. AND I WANT YOU TO GIVE THEM A  
12 ROUND OF APPLAUSE BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO BE THERE.  
13 [APPLAUSE.] FOLLOWING THOSE DAYS, WE STARTED TO THINK ABOUT  
14 HOW WE COULD DO MORE. AND THE Y.M.C.A. CONTINUED IN THEIR  
15 COMMITMENT TO MAYWOOD BY DISTRIBUTING JUST THIS LAST WEEK  
16 THREE AIR FILTRATION UNITS TO THE MANY FAMILIES THAT WERE  
17 AFFECTED ON THAT JUNE 14TH FIRE. I BELIEVE THEY GAVE OUT  
18 SEVERAL THOUSAND AIR FILTRATION SYSTEMS FOR PEOPLE THAT WERE  
19 IMPACTED BY THE EXPLOSION THERE AND THE FIRE. THEY NOT ONLY  
20 DID THAT, BUT THEY ALSO MADE SURE THAT THEY SPREAD THEIR ARMS  
21 AND COLLECTIVELY GOT OTHER NONPROFITS TO PARTICIPATE AND  
22 CORPORATE SPONSORS TO HELP DONATE FOOD, CLOTHING ITEMS, THINGS  
23 THAT PEOPLE NEEDED THAT GOT LEFT BEHIND IN FIRE AT THEIR HOME.  
24 I'D LIKE TO ALSO POINT OUT THAT WE HAD SOME CORPORATE  
25 INDIVIDUALS THAT STOOD UP. WHILE THE RED CROSS DOES AN AMAZING





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1 JOB, SOMETIMES THE NEEDS ARE MUCH GREATER THAN WHAT SOME OF US  
2 THINK THAT NEEDS TO BE PROVIDED. WE HAD A LOCAL ENTREPRENEUR,  
3 SHAWN AND RON PLAZA, FROM MCDONALD'S, THAT MADE SURE THAT THEY  
4 PROVIDED HEALTHY DONATIONS. SO IT WASN'T JUST COFFEE AND MAYBE  
5 A PASTRY, BUT IT WAS MUCH MORE. THEY GAVE THEIR LOVE AND THEY  
6 SHOWED UP I THINK TWO OR THREE TIMES TO COVER THE COST FOR  
7 THOSE MEALS. AND WE'RE NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT BREAKFAST. WE'RE  
8 ALSO TALKING ABOUT LUNCH AND DINNER. SO I WANT YOU TO  
9 RECOGNIZE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS. GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE.  
10 [APPLAUSE.] THERE'S ANOTHER GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS WHO STOOD  
11 OUT, ALSO, AND DIDN'T HAVE TO BECAUSE THEY WERE SOME MILES  
12 AWAY IN EAST LOS ANGELES. AND THIS IS CENTRAL MARAVILLA  
13 SERVICE CENTER WHICH IS PART OF THE COUNTY FAMILY. THEY  
14 PROVIDE SERVICES TO SENIORS, TO TODDLERS IN SO MANY WAYS, AND  
15 DISADVANTAGED INDIVIDUALS, AND PEOPLE WHO ARE DISABLED. I ALSO  
16 WANT TO RECOGNIZE THEM. AND ALSO THE HEART OF COMPASSION, MR.  
17 JOHN VELASCO, WHO HEARD THE CALL AND CAME ALL THE WAY FROM  
18 MONTEBELLO TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR OUR RESIDENTS. THEY BROUGHT  
19 FOOD ITEMS AND HELPED TO DISTRIBUTE THOSE TO THE EVACUEES THAT  
20 HAD TO THEN LEAVE AND BE PLACED IN MOTELS. SO PLEASE GIVE  
21 THESE TWO NONPROFITS A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] AND I  
22 WOULD BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE ALSO THE EAST L.A.  
23 WOMEN'S CENTER, ALSO BARBARA CAPPOS, WHO RUNS THE L.A. WOMEN'S  
24 CENTER. IT'S A SHELTER BUT ALSO PROVIDES COMFORT TO WOMEN AND  
25 CHILDREN IN THIS TIME OF ESSENCE. SO PLEASE GIVE BARBARA



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1 CAPPOS A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, AS WELL. [APPLAUSE.] ALONG WITH  
2 THAT, I HAVE TO TELL YOU, WE HAD SOME VERY STELLAR INDIVIDUALS  
3 FROM OUR OWN COUNTY FAMILY THAT WERE THERE. AND NOT ALL BE OF  
4 THOSE INDIVIDUALS CAN BE THERE TODAY BECAUSE THERE ARE STILL  
5 FIRES THAT ARE GOING ON. WE STILL NEED TO HAVE HAZMAT PEOPLE  
6 OUT ON THE GROUND FOR OTHER THINGS THAT ARE GOING ON AROUND  
7 THE COUNTY, BUT I WOULD BE REMISS IF I DIDN'T MENTION THE  
8 SHERIFFS, AS WELL AS OUR COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS, AS WELL AS  
9 NEIGHBORING CITIES WHO ALSO STEPPED UP TO THE PLATE AND OUR  
10 COUNTY HAZMAT GROUP, AS WELL. INCREDIBLE, INCREDIBLE  
11 INDIVIDUALS. I WANT TO ALSO CALL OUT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
12 SOCIAL SERVICES THAT MADE AVAILABLE FOR US SO MANY THINGS THAT  
13 OUR RESIDENTS THERE WEREN'T FULLY AWARE THAT THEY QUALIFIED  
14 FOR. THAT WAS AN INCREDIBLE MOVE AND STEADY AND FAST. SO I  
15 WANT TO THANK THEM. GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE, PLEASE.  
16 [APPLAUSE.] PARKS AND RECREATION, YOU DON'T THINK ABOUT WHEN  
17 YOU'RE IN A FIRE OR YOU'RE TAKING CARE OF PEOPLE THAT ARE  
18 LIVING IN A SHELTERED AREA AT THE Y. BUT PARKS AND REC. CAME  
19 THROUGH AND PROVIDED FACE PAINTING AND ACTIVITIES FOR OUR  
20 YOUNG PEOPLE. AND I WAS JUST AMAZED THAT THAT CALLING WAS  
21 HEARD LOUD AND CLEAR BY OUR PARKS AND RECREATIONS STAFF.  
22 PLEASE GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] AND OUR L.A.  
23 COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM. WHAT BETTER WAY TO KEEP OUR YOUNG  
24 PEOPLE AND OUR SENIORS ENTERTAINED? BY READING. I BELIEVE THEY  
25 EVEN GAVE OUT SOME PADS, SO PEOPLE HAD IPADS SO THEY COULD



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1 ACTUALLY GO ONLINE AND BE ABLE TO SCOUR THE INTERNET AND KEEP  
2 THEIR MINDS BUSY AND HOPEFULLY ENTERTAINING AT A TIME WHEN  
3 EVERYONE WAS WONDERING HOW PEOPLE WERE DOING. SO I WANT TO  
4 ALSO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO THE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM, PLEASE,  
5 OUR DIRECTOR. [APPLAUSE.] SOMEBODY WHO DIDN'T JOIN US THIS  
6 MORNING, AND I DO WANT TO MENTION HIM, STANDS OUT IN MY MIND  
7 BECAUSE HE WAS THERE SINCE DAY ONE DURING THIS TRAVESTY. AND  
8 THAT IS THE VICE MAYOR OF MAYWOOD, EDDIE DE LA VERA. HE  
9 DONATED HIS TIME, HIS FOOD, HIS COMPASSION. AFTER WE HAD  
10 EVACUATED INDIVIDUALS AND PLACED THEM IN MOTELS, HE WENT AND  
11 VISITED THEM AT THE MOTELS TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY GOT FOOD AND  
12 ADDITIONAL COMFORT. THAT, TO ME, IS A PROFILE IN COURAGE,  
13 SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T ASK TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED, BUT STOOD UP, JUST  
14 LIKE ALL THESE VOLUNTEERS THAT STOOD UP ON THIS OCCASION TO  
15 HELP THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE IN NEED. AND THEY STILL REMAIN  
16 IN NEED IN MAYWOOD, AND WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS.  
17 AND I'M VERY, VERY PLEASED THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WAS  
18 ABLE TO MOVE QUICKLY TO HELP EXPEDITE \$125,000 TO HELP WITH  
19 PAYMENT FOR THOSE MOTELS, FOR FOOD AND OTHER ITEMS THAT THEY  
20 NEED. SO I WANT TO ALSO THANK THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
21 AS WELL AS OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER. SO WITH THAT, MEMBERS  
22 OF THE AUDIENCE, PLEASE GIVE THEM ALL A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. I  
23 CAN'T EVEN BEGIN TO TELL YOU HOW PROUD I AM OF ALL OF THEM.  
24 [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR HELP.

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I MIGHT ADD THAT MR. RON PIAZZA IS  
2   ALSO MAYOR OF THE GREAT CITY OF LAKEWOOD, TOO.

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4   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL HAS--

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6   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. IT'S AMATEUR RADIO  
7   MONTH. HOW MANY KNEW THAT IN THE AUDIENCE? EVERYBODY RAISE  
8   YOUR HAND. YEAH, THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT. OKAY IT'S AMATEUR  
9   RADIO MONTH. FOR OVER 100 YEARS, AMATEUR OR HAM RADIO  
10   OPERATORS HAVE PROVIDED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS, SUPPORTED  
11   THE ADVANCEMENT OF RADIO TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION, AND TRAINED  
12   VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITIES. CURRENTLY THE AMERICAN  
13   RADIO LEAGUE'S LOS ANGELES SECTION IS HOME TO MORE THAN 23,000  
14   RESIDENTS WHO ARE LICENSED AS AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS BY THE  
15   FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION. AMATEUR RADIO DISASTER  
16   COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE VOLUNTEERS SERVE OUR COUNTY IN  
17   AFFILIATION WITH THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,  
18   STANDING READY TO PROVIDE THEIR SKILLS AND EXPERTISE IN TIMES  
19   OF NEED. JUST LAST WEEK THE AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS CONDUCTED  
20   A NATIONAL 24-HOUR EXERCISE TO SIMULATE FIELD OPERATIONS UNDER  
21   EMERGENCY CONDITIONS. PLEASE HELP ME TO RECOGNIZE DIANA  
22   FEINBERG, THE AMERICAN RADIO LEAGUE'S LOS ANGELES SECTION  
23   MANAGER, AND PRESIDENT OF THE PALOS VERDES AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
24   WHO IS ACCEPTING THIS SCROLL ON BEHALF OF THE THOUSANDS OF HAM  
25   RADIO OPERATORS IN L.A. COUNTY. MS. FEINBERG. [APPLAUSE.]



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2 **DIANA FEINBERG:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND THE OTHER

3 SUPERVISORS. IT'S MY HONOR TO ACCEPT THIS PLAQUE ON BEHALF OF

4 ALL THE AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHO

5 VOLUNTEER THEIR TIME AND EQUIPMENT TO SERVE THE NEEDS OF OUR

6 CITIZENS IN ALMOST ALL OF OUR CITIES AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY

7 SHOULD NORMAL COMMUNICATIONS FAIL. I'M ALSO WEARING MY OTHER

8 UNIFORM HERE. IN ADDITION TO BEING THE SECTION MANAGER FOR THE

9 AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, THIS IS THE UNIFORM OF THE THE

10 LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISASTER COMMUNICATION SERVICE, WHICH IS

11 OVERSEEN BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND MY OVERSEER,

12 SERGEANT JOSE GARCIA IS IN THE AUDIENCE. THANK YOU FOR COMING.

13 ALSO I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE TWO OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE WITH ME.

14 THIS IS MARTY WOHL WHO IS THE TRAINING OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF

15 LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT AUXILIARY COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE.

16 I'M ALSO THE TRAINING OFFICER FOR THE D.C.S. GROUP IN L.A.

17 COUNTY BUT HE'S MY COUNTERPART IN THE CITY OF L.A. MARTY IS

18 ALSO THE VICE DIRECTOR FOR THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE

19 SOUTHWEST DIVISION THAT ENCOMPASSES TEN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

20 COUNTIES AND THE ENTIRE STATE OF ARIZONA. ON MY LEFT HERE IS

21 SOMEONE YOU HAVE PROBABLY SEEN MANY, MANY TIMES. DR. KATE

22 HUTTON OF PASADENA. YOU KNEW HER AS THE EARTHQUAKE LADY. SHE'S

23 NOW A RETIRED SEISMOLOGIST FROM THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF

24 TECHNOLOGY, BUT WHAT YOU DID NOT KNOW IS THAT SHE IS ALSO AN

25 AVID AMATEUR RADIO OPERATOR AND SHE IS THE HEAD OF OUR





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1 TRAFFIC-- MESSAGE TRAFFIC SYSTEM THAT CAN GET HEALTH AND  
2 WELFARE MESSAGES FROM ANYWHERE TO ANYWHERE WITHIN THE U.S.  
3 THROUGH THE NETWORK OF HAM OPERATORS. SO IT'S WITH PROFOUND  
4 PLEASURE WE ACCEPT THIS PROCLAMATION AND WE ARE HERE TO SERVE  
5 WHEN YOU NEED US, WE WILL BE THERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6 [APPLAUSE.]

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MIKE ANTONOVICH.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS MORNING WE ARE GOING TO RECOGNIZE TWO OF  
11 OUR WEED ABATEMENT WORKERS. GILBERT VALENZUELA AND PEST  
12 ABATEMENT WORKER CHARLES LANDIS, BOTH MEMBERS OF THE BRUSH AND  
13 PROPERTY CLEARANCE PROGRAM OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL  
14 COMMISSIONER/WEIGHTS AND MEASURES WEED ABATEMENT DIVISION.  
15 THIS IS VERY INTERESTING AND I HOPE EVERYBODY IS LISTENING AT  
16 HOME AND IN THE AUDIENCE BECAUSE ON MAY 11, WEDNESDAY MORNING,  
17 GILBERT AND CHARLES STOPPED BY A SUPERMARKET IN GLENDORA TO  
18 FILL UP A WATER JUG FOR THEIR DAY AHEAD. A WOMAN CAME OUT OF  
19 THAT STORE, SAID THAT A MAN HAD COLLAPSED AND HAD ASKED IF  
20 ANYBODY HAD KNOWN C.P.R. HAVING RECENTLY BEEN THROUGH OUR  
21 COUNTY'S HANDS-ON C.P.R. TRAINING, GILBERT AND CHARLES WERE  
22 PREPARED TO TAKE ACTION IMMEDIATELY. GILBERT TOLD SOMEONE TO  
23 CALL 911 AND CHARLES CHECKED FOR THE MAN'S PULSE AND BREATHING  
24 AND OF COURSE THERE WAS NO PULSE AND NO BREATHING. SO CHARLES  
25 INITIATED CHEST COMPRESSIONS, GILBERT TOOK OVER FOR A WHILE



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1 BEFORE CHARLES SWITCHED BACK IN AND THEN FINALLY AFTER GILBERT  
2 TOOK OVER A SECOND TIME, THEY HEARD SOME GURGLING. OFFICERS  
3 FROM GLENDORA POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRIVED AND TOOK OVER, TENDING  
4 TO THE PATIENT FOLLOWED BY THE PARAMEDICS AND THE FIRE  
5 DEPARTMENT. DUE TO THE QUICK ACTION OF THESE TWO GENTLEMEN  
6 BEHIND ME, THIS INDIVIDUAL WAS ABLE TO REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS,  
7 AND THANKS TO THEIR QUICK RESPONSE WAS ABLE TO LIVE. AND WE  
8 APPRECIATE THEIR LEADERSHIP AND TAKING DIRECT ACTION TO SAVE A  
9 LIFE. AND SO, CHARLES AND GILBERT. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **SPEAKER:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO THANK OUR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
12 FOR ALLOWING US, THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES, TO RECEIVE THE C.P.R.  
13 TRAINING, AND I HIGHLY RECOMMEND ANYBODY THAT DOESN'T HAVE  
14 C.P.R. TRAINING: GET IT. YOU'LL NEVER KNOW WHEN YOU'RE GOING  
15 TO NEED IT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **KURT FLOREN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, WE'RE SO GRATEFUL FOR THIS  
18 RECOGNITION OF GILBERT, FOR BOTH OF THEM, FOR THEIR ACTIONS.  
19 BUT THE ENTIRE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE/WEIGHTS AND MEASURES  
20 ARE PROUD OF NOT ONLY THEIR HEROIC ACTION BUT ALSO WHAT THEY  
21 DO EVERY SINGLE DAY. EACH OF THESE GENTLEMEN WOULD DO WORK IN  
22 OUR WEED ABATEMENT PROGRAM. THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR CLEARING  
23 AN OVERABUNDANCE OF DRY WEEDS AND UNKEMPT VEGETATION FOR FIRE  
24 SUPPRESSION OUT THERE. AND THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT THROUGHOUT  
25 THE YEAR THEY HAVE SAVED HUNDREDS OF HOMES AND PROBABLY DOZENS



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1 OF LIVES THROUGH THEIR EFFORTS. SO THEY'RE RARELY RECOGNIZED  
2 FOR THAT. IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO MEASURE THE FIRES THAT  
3 DON'T HAPPEN, THE HOMES THAT AREN'T BURNED AND THE LIVES THAT  
4 AREN'T LOST; BUT I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THEY HAVE SERVED TO SAVE  
5 MANY, MANY PEOPLE. AND OF COURSE ON THIS OCCASION, WE'RE MOST  
6 PROUD OF THEM. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A 2-YEAR-OLD POODLE BENSON. IT'S  
9 A LITTLE BOY FROM THE DOWNEY SHELTER. AND THIS IS LITTLE  
10 BENSON LOOKING FOR A HOME. OKAY. SO ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO  
11 ADOPT LITTLE BENSON, 562-728-4610. SO LITTLE BENSON WOULD LOVE  
12 TO BRING A LOT OF JOY IN YOUR HOME.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, WE ARE GOING TO ANNOUNCE THE  
15 CODE OF CONDUCT.

16

17 **RECORDING:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR  
18 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
19 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW  
20 BE READ. AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE  
21 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE  
22 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD  
23 HEARING. AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,  
24 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED  
25 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE



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1 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE  
2 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES: SPEAKERS MUST CEASE  
3 SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT  
4 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT  
5 ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE  
6 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE  
7 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.  
8 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM  
9 UTTERING, WRITING OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,  
10 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING OR OTHER ABUSIVE STATEMENTS  
11 TOWARDS THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF OR ANY OTHER  
12 PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF THE  
13 VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS AND MAY  
14 NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY  
15 CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT  
16 DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE  
17 BOARD MEETING. AND FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR  
18 BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO  
19 REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY  
20 THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
21 COOPERATION.

22  
23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP THE  
24 FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO WANTED TO SPEAK ON SOME ITEMS.



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1   ARNOLD SACHS HELD ITEMS 10, 11, 15, AND 30. ARNOLD SACHS.

2   YOU'RE GOING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION. GO AHEAD.

3

4   **ARNOLD SACHS:** IF YOU'RE GOING TO START MY TIME EARLY, PLEASE  
5   MAKE SURE THAT I'M SEATED. SO WHAT DID I HOLD? I HELD 10, 11.

6   I DID. REDEVELOPMENT DISSOLUTION BOARD. I DON'T KNOW DID

7   ANYBODY READ THE STORIES IN THE L.A. TIMES REGARDING THE

8   COLBURN SCHOOL OF ARTS AND THE DISSOLUTION OF THE

9   REDEVELOPMENT BOARD THERE WHERE THEY DECIDED THAT THEY WOULD

10   SELL THE PROPERTY EVEN THOUGH THERE WAS A LEASE FOR 99 YEARS.

11   SO DOES THE DISSOLUTION OF THESE PROPERTIES INVOLVE THE LEGAL

12   COSTS THAT ARE INVOLVED IN SETTTLING THESE IDIOTIC TERMS? AND

13   I'M NOT EVEN GOING TO DISCUSS WHAT HAPPENED WITH A.E.G. AND

14   THE PROPERTY BY THE STAPLES CENTER AND HOW THEY MANAGED TO GET

15   TWO REDEVELOPMENT PROPERTIES IN EXCHANGE FOR BUILDING A

16   STADIUM THAT WAS NEVER BUILT BUT THEY KEPT THE PROPERTY. SO

17   NOW THERE ARE TWO HOTELS THAT ARE BEING BUILT ON THE PARKING

18   LOT. NICE DEAL FOR A.E.G. ITEM 11 REFERS TO SOME ACTION. ARE

19   YOU HOLDING ITEM 11? YOU'RE NOT HOLDING ITEM 11. BY THE

20   OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE FOR THE SHERIFF. AND THE POINT THAT CAUGHT

21   MY ATTENTION IS: CLEAR DEFINITION BY THE SHERIFF OF THE TERM

22   MEANINGFUL. BECAUSE LATER ON IN THE ITEM, YOU MENTIONED HAVING

23   A MEANINGFUL PROBATIONARY PERIOD. BUT IF YOU DON'T HAVE AN

24   IDEA WHAT THE TERM MEANINGFUL MEANS. HOW CAN YOU HAVE A

25   MEANINGFUL PROBATION PERIOD? THERE WAS ANOTHER STORY IN THE



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1 L.A. TIMES REGARDING A COMMISSION, THE L.A.P.D .COMMISSION.  
2 THEY DID A STORY ABOUT THE JAILS, THE INSPECTION OF THE JAILS  
3 AND HOW THE COMMISSION WAS OUTRAGED THAT LIKE 78 OR 80 PERCENT  
4 OF THE INSPECTIONS WEREN'T BEING DONE. TWO PARTS, WAS THE  
5 UNION LEADER SAID 20 PERCENT OF THE INSPECTIONS THAT WERE  
6 DONE, THERE WERE NO PROBLEMS. BUT NOBODY WAS REALLY CONCERNED  
7 ABOUT THE FACT THAT THE POLICE WHO WERE SUPPOSED TO BE DOING  
8 THE INSPECTIONS WERE FALSIFYING THE REPORTS. SO YOU WONDER:  
9 WERE THE INSPECTIONS MEANINGFUL? WAS THAT A MEANINGFUL  
10 TRAINING PERIOD WHERE YOU FALSIFY RECORDS AND THEN END UP  
11 GOING ON PATROL? DOES THAT HELP OUT IN SOME WAY? WE NEED SOME  
12 INPUT FOR SOME OF THE SUPERVISORS THERE. I HELD ITEM 23. IT  
13 REFERS TO MR. ANTONOVICH'S UPSET ABOUT THE HIGH SPEED RAIL.  
14 AND IT WAS FASCINATING A COUPLE WEEKS AGO THEY HAD THE SAME  
15 ITEM ON THE AGENDA. AND THEN THE NEXT DAY, THERE WAS A STORY  
16 IN THE NEWSPAPER ABOUT A PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP THAT'S BUILDING  
17 HIGH SPEED RAIL TO LAS VEGAS AND THESE CHINESE INVESTORS  
18 DROPPED OUT, BUT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE DOING THE RAIL BUILDING  
19 SAID "WE'RE JUST WAITING FOR SOME FEDERAL OKAY. WE'RE GOING TO  
20 FOLLOW THE SAME ROUTE TO PALMDALE AND THEN GO ON TO VEGAS." SO  
21 HOW DOES THAT WORK OUT WHERE THEY'RE ABLE TO DO THAT AS  
22 PRIVATE INVESTORS AND YOU HAVE NO IDEA? IMAGINE THAT.  
23





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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL UP DR. GENEVIEVE  
2   CLAVREUL. SHE'S HELD ITEM 25. ERIC PREVEN WHO'S HELD ITEM 10,  
3   11, 12, 15, C.S.-2 AND 25.

4

5   **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU, ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT.  
6   ITEM 25 AND 29 ARE BEING HELD BY SUPERVISORS SO I WILL NOT  
7   ADDRESS THOSE UNTIL AFTER THE SUPERVISORS ASK QUESTIONS, IF  
8   THAT'S OKAY. SO ITEM 18, I WAS JUST HAVING A LITTLE  
9   CONVERSATION WITH THE GREAT INSPECTOR GENERAL, MAX HUNTSMAN,  
10   ABOUT THE BODY CAMS. AND IT'S EXCITING THAT THE COUNTY WANTS  
11   TO GO IN THAT DIRECTION, BUT I ASKED THE WICKHAM FOR A LOOK AT  
12   THE POLICIES. APPARENTLY THERE WERE SOME POLICY REVIEWS  
13   EARLIER THAT WERE OF NOTE. I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO GET THEM.  
14   PEOPLE SUPPORT THE IDEA OF BODY CAMS BUT THE RULES HAVE TO BE  
15   VERY SPECIFIC. AT L.A.P.D., THEY HAVE BEEN VERY UNFAVORABLE  
16   ABOUT MAKING RULES THAT ARE OPEN AND REASONABLE FOR THE  
17   PUBLIC, THAT'S A PROBLEM. WE TAKE GREAT INTEREST IN THE  
18   SHERIFF. MAYBE THE SHERIFF AND THE L.A.P.D. COULD WORK  
19   TOGETHER ON ONE SET OF POLICIES BECAUSE IT MAKES SENSE TO HAVE  
20   TWO SETS OF POLICIES IN ONE BIG CITY AND COUNTY. AND THEY  
21   SHOULD BE RIGHT KIND OF POLICIES THAT MEET THE MUSTER OF THE  
22   PUBLIC. SO I WOULD APPRECIATE THAT. ITEM NO. 26, RATHER, THE  
23   ITEM IS GOING BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT. I WANTED TO JUST SAY  
24   GOODBYE TO THE ITEM BRIEFLY. IT'S THANKING VANIR FOR THE \$6  
25   MILLION BID THAT BEAT OUT CUMMING TO DO THE I.S.D.'S CLEANUP



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1 WORK FOR \$6 MILLION OVER AT 600 COMMONWEALTH, WHICH IS A  
2 PROPERTY WE RENT FROM JAMESON GROUP. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY  
3 IT'S BEING SENT TO THE I.S.D. I WAS ASKING ABOUT WAS THERE ANY  
4 CONTROVERSY? DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANY CONTROVERSY. SO WHAT IS  
5 GOING ON? IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE A CLEAR SENSE OF THAT AS  
6 IT IS A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF AUTHORITY TO A GROUP LIKE VANIR,  
7 WHO DID SUCH A GOOD JOB FOR THE SUPERVISORS AT TOUTING THE  
8 NEED, WHICH NOBODY IN THE PUBLIC FELT WAS NECESSARY, OF A  
9 GIANT INCARCERATOR WITH THE HELP OF A.E.COM WHO VANIR AND  
10 A.E.COM. VANIR AND A.E.COM ALTERNATE BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN  
11 GETTING KUDOS AND CHASED AROUND BY THIS GROUP. ITEM NO. C.S.-2  
12 TODAY IS A CLOSED SESSION ITEM. BUT C.S.-3, I COULDN'T GET MY  
13 MIND AROUND WHY THE RUTHERFORD CASE, THIS IS RUTHERFORD VS.  
14 SHERMAN BLOCK, CAN SIMPLY PLOP ONTO THE BOARD'S AGENDA WHEN  
15 THIS IS SUCH AN OLD CASE. THIS IS LIKE FROM FOREVER. SO IS  
16 THIS LICENSE TO TALK ABOUT DIFFICULTIES IN THE JAIL? BECAUSE  
17 IS THAT CASE ACTIVE AT THIS POINT? I MEAN THERE WERE CERTAIN  
18 VERY PRIMITIVE OVERSIGHT PIECES THAT WERE PUT IN PLACE  
19 ALONGSIDE THAT CASE. SO WHO KNOWS WHAT'S GOING ON THERE. ITEM  
20 NO. 10, I WILL JUST ASK THE GREAT FIFTH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR TO  
21 LOOK A LITTLE HARDER. JOHN VANDERHOOK IS A GREAT GUY BUT IF HE  
22 HAD A CONTRACT WITH THE SOUTH PASADENA OFFICE DURING THIS  
23 TIME, THAT'S WHY THE RULE'S IN PLACE, SIR THAT'S CALLED A  
24 LITTLE BIT OF CONFLICT, AND I KNOW THAT IT'S PROBABLY NOTHING,  
25 BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE. YOU'RE LEAVING TOWN. I'M SURE



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1 BARGER COULD FIND SOMEONE WHO WOULD DO AS GOOD A JOB IF NOT  
2 BETTER. AND FINALLY WE HAVE TO SAY THANK YOU TO THE INSPECTOR  
3 GENERAL WHO HAS TAKEN A LOOK AT WHAT I KNOW A LOT OF RESIDENTS  
4 ARE WORRIED ABOUT WHICH IS HOW WE TRAIN DEPUTIES AND HOW LONG  
5 THAT PROBATION PERIOD COULD BE. THIS IS AN EXHAUSTIVE REPORT  
6 ON SUCH AN INTERESTING SUBJECT. BUT WE NEED AN EXHAUSTIVE  
7 REPORT ON MANY OF THE SUBJECTS THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT FORWARD.  
8 AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE THAT. SO THANK YOU.

9

10 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
11 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. YOU ASKED ME FOR ITEM 25 BUT YOU HELD  
12 ITEM 25.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE RELEASED IT.

15

16 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** WELL, YOU KNOW, WE DON'T HAVE ANY  
17 SPECIFIC-- THE ITEMS, WE ARE EXTENDING THE TERM TO JUNE 30,  
18 2017, BUT THERE IS NO INDICATION OF THE COST IMPLICATION TO IT  
19 AND SO ON. AND AGAIN WE ARE DEALING WITH M.L.K. HOSPITAL. IT  
20 IS ALMOST NOT A WEEK THAT GO BY WHERE WE DON'T ADD MONEY TO  
21 THE M.L.K. SO I'M REALLY REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. SO IT  
22 WOULD BE NICE IF WE HAD SOME, YOU KNOW, MORE INFORMATION ABOUT  
23 THE COST AND WHAT IS REALLY DERIVED AND WHAT'S ALREADY DOING.  
24 THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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3    **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, THE FOLLOWING ITEMS  
4    ARE BEFORE YOU. ITEM NO. 10, 11, 12, 15, 25 AND 30.

5

6    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THOSE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
7    KUEHL. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION. OKAY.

8

9    **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** WOULD THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
10    THAT ARE HERE TO SPEAK UNDER THE PUBLIC HEARING. ALL THOSE WHO  
11    PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR  
12    RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN? IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY GIVE  
13    BEFORE THIS BOARD, DO YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH,  
14    THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH SO HELP YOU GOD? YOU  
15    MAY BE SEATED. THANK YOU.

16

17    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WITH THAT WELL CALL THE  
18    DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

19

20    **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THIS IS A HEARING ON ADOPTION OF AN  
21    ORDINANCE EXTENDING INTERIM ORDINANCE NO. 2016-0022-U FOR A  
22    PERIOD OF ONE YEAR TEMPORARILY PROHIBITING THE CULTIVATION,  
23    MANUFACTURING, LABORATORY TESTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICAL  
24    MARIJUANA AND PROHIBITING THEIR ESTABLISHMENT ON ALL  
25    PROPERTIES LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY OF THE



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1 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THERE IS A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT AND  
2 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** REGIONAL PLANNING.

5

6 **LARRY JARAMILLO:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME  
7 IS LARRY JARAMILLO, AND I'M WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL  
8 PLANNING. IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR, YOUR BOARD ENACTED AN INTERIM  
9 ORDINANCE TO TEMPORARILY PROHIBIT THE CULTIVATION,  
10 MANUFACTURING, LABORATORY TESTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF MEDICAL  
11 MARIJUANA. THE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL PLANNING WAS ALSO DIRECTED  
12 TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE ZONING STUDY TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE  
13 ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS TO REGULATOR BAN SUCH ACTIVITIES.  
14 REGIONAL PLANNING HAS MET WITH DEPARTMENTS OF AGRICULTURE,  
15 PUBLIC HEALTH, TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, SHERIFF'S  
16 DEPARTMENT, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND COUNTY COUNSEL  
17 TO DISCUSS KEY ISSUES AND DEVELOP A FRAMEWORK FOR THE STUDY  
18 AND REPORT TO THE BOARD. CURRENTLY STAFF IS CONDUCTING  
19 RESEARCH AND WRITING THE BOARD REPORT. THE FINDINGS IN THIS  
20 REPORT WILL BE HELPFUL IN ADDRESSING ANY INITIATIVES THAT MAY  
21 BE APPROVED IN THE NOVEMBER BALLOT. WE ANTICIPATE COMPLETION  
22 OF THE REPORT THIS FALL. THE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS THAT YOUR  
23 BOARD EXTEND INTERIM ORDINANCE NO. 2016-0022-U FOR A PERIOD OF  
24 ONE YEAR TO PROVIDE REGIONAL PLANNING AND THE OTHER AFFECTED  
25 DEPARTMENTS SUFFICIENT TIME TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE ZONING



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1 ANALYSIS ON CURRENT LAWS, POTENTIAL IMPACTS AND OPTIONS FOR  
2 POTENTIAL CODE AMENDMENTS. THIS CONCLUDES STAFF'S REPORT.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ANY COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD?

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUST A FEW QUESTIONS.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THERE'S A FEW QUESTIONS THAT I'D LIKE TO  
11 POSE THERE AS FOLLOWS. IF THE STATE INITIATIVE TO LEGALIZE  
12 MARIJUANA PASSES IN NOVEMBER, DOES THIS PRE-EMPT OUR ABILITY  
13 TO REGULATE? SECOND QUESTION IS: IF IT WERE LEGALIZED AND THE  
14 COUNTY WANTED TO IMPOSE A TAX, HOW LONG WOULD IT TAKE FOR ANY  
15 REVENUE TO BE REALIZED? THIRD QUESTION IS: WHAT DO YOU SEE AS  
16 SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES IN TAXING ESSENTIALLY A CASH  
17 BUSINESS? ARE YOU PREPARED TO ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS, WE'D BE  
18 APPRECIATIVE.

19

20 **LARRY JARAMILLO:** THE FIRST QUESTION MAY BE BEST ANSWERED BY  
21 COUNTY COUNSEL?

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24





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1 **ATTORNEY:** SO YOUR ABILITY TO TAX, IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO TAX  
2 THESE USES, SUPERVISOR, WE WOULD HAVE TO LIFT THE BAN. SO THE  
3 BAN CAN BE IN PLACE NOW. WHEN YOU'RE READY TO LIFT THE BAN,  
4 THEN YOU CAN START REGULATING, INCLUDING TAXATION.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO IT WOULD REQUIRE ANOTHER ACTION OF THE  
7 BOARD IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THAT.

8

9 **ATTORNEY:** CORRECT.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THERE WAS A SECOND QUESTION. TO BE  
12 LEGALIZED, LET'S SAY, WE WANTED TO IMPOSE A TAX, HOW LONG  
13 WOULD IT TAKE FOR ANY OF THOSE REVENUES TO BE REALIZED? THE  
14 PROJECTED TIMEFRAME TO OPERATIONALIZE THE MATTER?

15

16 **ATTORNEY:** I CAN WEIGH IN ON THIS AND SHARE WITH YOU THAT ANY  
17 REVENUE-GENERATING TAX REQUIRES VOTER APPROVAL. SO THE BOARD  
18 WOULD HAVE TO TAKE ACTION TO PLACE THAT TAX ON THE BALLOT. AND  
19 YOUR NEXT OPPORTUNITIES WOULD BE THE NOVEMBER OR MARCH OF  
20 2017.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND THEN IS THERE ANY VIEW ABOUT THE  
23 ABILITY OR THE LIKELIHOOD OR THE EFFICACY OF TAXING  
24 ESSENTIALLY A CASH BUSINESS, WHAT EXPERIENCE DO YOU HAVE? WHAT  
25 DO WE KNOW ABOUT THAT? IF ANYONE CAN ANSWER THAT QUESTION.



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2 **SPEAKER:** THAT'S DEFINITELY A QUESTION THAT'S COME UP. WE'RE  
3 WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED. AND IT IS A DIFFICULT  
4 ONE TO ANSWER. I DON'T KNOW THAT WE HAVE ANY SOLUTIONS RIGHT  
5 NOW THAT WE COULD PROPOSE. BUT IT IS SOMETHING THAT WE WILL BE  
6 LOOKING AT AND WE WILL BE REPORTING BACK TO YOU WITH OUR  
7 FINDINGS.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE REPORT BACK WILL BE WHEN?

10

11 **MARK CHILDS:** AS MR. JARAMILLO JUST MENTIONED, WE EXPECT TO  
12 HAVE THE REPORT READY IN THE FALL, BUT THERE IS AN END POINT.  
13 WE WILL BE WORKING ON THIS CONTINUOUSLY IF THE BOARD IS  
14 CURIOUS TO SEE WHAT THE RESULTS ARE AT ANY STAGE, WE COULD  
15 REPORT ON OUR FINDINGS AT THAT TIME.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PERHAPS IT'S ADVISABLE FOR THE BOARD TO  
18 BENEFIT FROM ANY RESEARCH THAT COULD BE DONE EITHER  
19 IMMEDIATELY WITH RESPECT TO QUESTION 3. OBVIOUSLY IT WOULD NOT  
20 EASILY BE RELATED TO THE ISSUE OF A QUOTE/UNQUOTE MARIJUANA  
21 TAX, BUT THE GENERIC QUESTION STILL OBTAINS; NAMELY, WHAT  
22 SUCCESS, WHAT EXAMPLES CAN YOU POINT TO OF SUCCESS WHEN  
23 SPEAKING TO TAX ESSENTIALLY A CASH BUSINESS? IT SEEMS TO ME,  
24 MR. BRUCKNER, WE NEED RESEARCH FAR AND WIDE WHAT WE KNOW IN  
25 OTHER JURISDICTIONS AND THE REGION, STATE OR OTHERWISE.



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1 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT WOULD SEEM TO ME SOONER RATHER THAN  
2 LATER RESPONSE WOULD BE ADVISED.

3

4 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** WE'LL DO THAT AND WE'RE LOOKING AT OTHER  
5 EXAMPLES, AS YOU SAID, THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND THE COUNTRY.  
6 AND THERE ARE MANY EXAMPLES. THE IDEA OF THIS BEING A CASH  
7 BUSINESS IS PARTICULARLY TROUBLING.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO THE QUESTION IN TERMS OF YOUR BEING  
10 LOOKING INTO IT, I NOTE A LACK OF SPECIFICITY AS TO WHEN YOU  
11 MIGHT BE INCLINED TO RETURN TO THE BOARD FOR INFORMATION.  
12 LET'S SEE IF WE CAN PIN IT DOWN. ANY REASONABLE TIMEFRAME IN  
13 WHICH YOU COULD GET BACK TO US?

14

15 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** SEPTEMBER?

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO. TRY AGAIN. [LAUGHTER.] LET ME JUST BE  
18 CLEAR ABOUT THE UNRELENTING CLOCK. IF THE BOARD WERE TO DECIDE  
19 TO DO SOMETHING IN TERMS OF POSTING A MEASURE ON THE BALLOT  
20 THAT PERTAINS TO THIS, IT MEANS, THEN, THAT WE HAVE TO BE  
21 READY AS SOON AS THE FIRST WEEK IN AUGUST. SO THE QUESTION IS  
22 PERHAPS YOU WOULD WANT TO OFFER A PRELIMINARY TO THE BOARD AND  
23 FINALIZE IT AS YOU MOVE FORWARD.

24



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1   **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** WE'LL GET INFORMATION BACK TO THE BOARD TO  
2   MEET THAT TIMEFRAME. I'M NOT FAMILIAR AT ALL WITH PLACING IT  
3   ON THE BALLOT. I DON'T KNOW IF ANYONE ELSE IS. BUT WE CAN GET  
4   THAT TO YOU IN TIME TO MAKE IT.

5

6   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE'RE PRETTY INTIMATELY FAMILIAR WITH THE  
7   TIMELINE UNDER WHICH WE ARE OPERATING FOR MULTIPLE  
8   CONSIDERATIONS. THEREFORE, WE WANT TO MAXIMIZE THE INFORMATION  
9   AT OUR DISPOSAL AND HAVE SO MUCH INFORMATION THAT WE CAN MAKE  
10   THE BEST CHOICES POSSIBLE. YOUR HELP WOULD BE APPRECIATED.  
11   COUNTY COUNSEL?

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13   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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15   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. LET ME FOLLOW-UP  
16   WITH A SLIGHTLY FULLER SET OF QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS ABOUT THE  
17   VARIOUS ISSUES I THINK AT PLAY HERE. BASED ON THE INFORMATION  
18   THAT WE HAD FROM THE BOARD AND HOW THE BOARD HAS RESPONDED  
19   ABOUT THIS BAN, ONE OF THE MAJOR CONCERNS IS IF THE BAN DOES  
20   NOT CONTINUE, AT LEAST IN THE SHORT-TERM, THERE'S REALLY  
21   NOTHING TO TAKE ITS PLACE. IT WOULD SUDDENLY BE VERY  
22   UNFETTERED, AND A PROBLEM I THINK, THEREFORE, FOR HEALTH, FOR  
23   AGRICULTURE, FOR ALL KINDS OF ACTIVITIES THAT MAY OR MAY NOT  
24   BE LEGAL UNDER FEDERAL LAW. THERE'S GOING TO BE A LOT OF  
25   QUESTIONS. SO THE APPETITE IN THE PAST HAS BEEN TO CONTINUE



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1 THE BAN, AND IT'S PRETTY MUCH KICKING THE CAN DOWN THE ROAD, I  
2 THINK, THESE DAYS, UNTIL WE SEE WHAT THE VOTERS OF CALIFORNIA  
3 WILL DO IN NOVEMBER. SO I'M WONDERING, THERE ARE SEVERAL  
4 PIECES TO THIS. ONE IS, I WOULD LIKE OUR COUNTY COUNSEL AND  
5 OUR DEPARTMENTS TO BE READY WITH A SET OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS  
6 THAT WOULD GO INTO EFFECT THE DAY THAT ANYTHING THAT THE  
7 VOTERS ADOPT GOES INTO EFFECT. SO THAT WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO  
8 GO FROM OUR BAN TO OUR REGULATIONS, HAVING HAD A FULL  
9 DISCUSSION ABOUT IT, BUT CONDITIONAL ON WHETHER OR NOT THE  
10 STATE VOTES OR THE VOTERS VOTE TO IN ESSENCE LEGALIZE  
11 DISTRIBUTION, CULTIVATION AND USE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE  
12 PROPOSED INITIATIVE LEGALIZES. I'M ASSUMING THAT LEGAL IS  
13 LEGAL AND YOU COULD GROW IT, YOU COULD SELL IT--

14

15 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** I'M SORRY. IT PROVIDES--

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** GO AHEAD.

18

19 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** IT PROVIDES SOME LOCAL CHOICE. THERE ARE  
20 SOME, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, IT PROVIDES SOME LOCAL CHOICES.  
21 SOME THINGS ARE MANDATORY. SO IT'S A MIXED BAG OF  
22 REQUIREMENTS.

23

24 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WHATEVER IT IS, I'M HOPING THAT COUNTY  
25 COUNSEL AND DEPARTMENTS WILL THREAD THEIR WAY THROUGH IT



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1 SOONER RATHER THAN LATER BECAUSE I REALLY WILL NOT BE HAPPY ON  
2 OUR FIRST MEETING IN DECEMBER TO HEAR THAT NOTHING WAS DONE  
3 ALREADY WHEN THIS IS JUNE. SO LET US AT LEAST THINK ABOUT  
4 THAT. THE SECOND THING THAT I WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED  
5 IN, AND WE HAD THIS DISCUSSION IN TERMS OF THE VINEYARDS, IS  
6 IN TERMS OF OUTDOOR CULTIVATION, I DON'T SEE TREATING THIS  
7 CROP ANY BETTER OR ANY WORSE THAN ANY OTHER GROWN OUTDOORS  
8 WHERE WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT PESTICIDES. WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT  
9 OVERUSE OF WATER. WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT IT DOES TO THE  
10 WATER TABLE, ET CETERA. AND IF IT'S LEGAL, IT STILL NEEDS TO  
11 BE REGULATED IN ITS AGRICULTURAL APPROACH. INDOOR WOULD BE  
12 DIFFERENT, AND I DON'T KNOW VERY MUCH ABOUT THAT. BUT I'M  
13 ASSUMING THERE ARE REGULATIONS ABOUT THAT. DISTRIBUTION?  
14 AGAIN, I THINK WE WOULD WANT TO LOOK AT WHAT KINDS OF  
15 LICENSING WE MIGHT WANT TO DO. I DON'T KNOW. BUT I THINK WE  
16 NEED A THOUGHTFUL APPROACH. THE THIRD PIECE IS THE PIECE THAT  
17 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WAS TALKING ABOUT, AND THAT I WOULD  
18 WANT COUNTY COUNSEL TO REALLY THINK ABOUT THIS IN TERMS OF THE  
19 KIND OF DRAFTING WE WOULD HOPE TO SEE THAT WOULD GIVE US THE  
20 MOST FLEXIBILITY POSSIBLE. LET US ASSUME I PERSONALLY WOULD  
21 LIKE TO PUT A TAX ON ALL NONMEDICAL MARIJUANA ON THE BALLOT IN  
22 NOVEMBER. YOU'RE SAYING WE WOULD HAVE TO LIFT THE BAN IN ORDER  
23 TO TAX IT. SO I GUESS THE FIRST THING IS: IF IT IS LEGALIZED  
24 IN THE STATE, THE BAN WOULD NOT JUST VANISH UNDER THE RATHER





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1 WONDERFUL LEGAL NOTION OF THE MAGIC ERASURE YOUR THEORY,  
2 RIGHT?

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4 **ATTORNEY:** CORRECT.

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6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** OKAY. SO WE HAVE TO DO A POSITIVE STEP THAT  
7 WOULD DO AWAY WITH THE BAN, THAT WOULD BE ILLEGAL?

8

9 **ATTORNEY:** WELL, AS PLANNING HAS INDICATED, THE BALLOT MEASURE  
10 HAS A MIX OF REGULATIONS. SO WE'D RETAIN SOME POLICE POWER. SO  
11 THE COUNTY WILL RETAIN SOME ABILITY TO EXERCISE ITS RIGHTS TO  
12 CONTROL THE LAND USES. SO WE WILL HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THE  
13 INITIATIVE IN FULL TO SEE WHETHER THE BAN BECOMES ILLEGAL. AT  
14 THIS POINT, WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT DOESN'T. BUT IF YOU HAVE  
15 FURTHER INFORMATION.

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I CAN'T IMAGINE IF YOU LEGALIZE SOMETHING,  
18 IT DOESN'T DO AWAY WITH YOUR BAN.

19

20 **ATTORNEY:** THE BAN MAY BE ONE OF THE RESERVE POLICE POWERS THAT  
21 THE COUNTY RETAINS. SO THE COUNTY MAY STILL SELECT OR ELECT TO  
22 NOT HAVE THE LAND USE WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION. I'M SORRY?

23

24 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** JUST THE LAND USE PART? NOT SALES AND  
25 DISTRIBUTION?



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2 **ATTORNEY:** WELL, THAT'S ALSO TO BE DETERMINED. THE BAN THAT  
3 YOU'RE CONSIDERING NOW, THE EXTENSION OF THE ORDINANCE THAT  
4 WE'RE CONSIDERING--

5

6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** EXCUSE ME, COUNSEL. I UNDERSTAND. BUT IF WE  
7 WERE GOING TO TAX AS A SALES TAX, THAT WOULD NOT RELATE TO  
8 LAND USE. SO I GUESS WHAT I WOULD LIKE YOU TO CONSIDER IS WHAT  
9 IT WOULD LOOK LIKE IF WE PUT SOMETHING ON THE BALLOT.

10

11 **ATTORNEY:** SURE.

12

13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AND WHAT WE WOULD NEED TO DO IN IT IN ORDER  
14 TO SAY, NOW THAT THE PEOPLE-- CONDITIONAL ON THE ADOPTION BY  
15 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA VOTERS OF LEGALIZING NONMEDICAL  
16 MARIJUANA FOR SALE, BLAH, BLAH, BLAH, WE THEREFORE IMPOSE A  
17 BLAH PERCENT TAX ON THE SALE OF IT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND  
18 WE WOULD CONSIDER WHETHER IT WOULD BE SPECIFICALLY TARGETED  
19 FOR SOMETHING, WHAT KIND OF A VOTE THAT WOULD TAKE, IF WE  
20 MIGHT HAVE THE VOTES TO PUT IT ON THE BALLOT, I DON'T KNOW.  
21 BUT I'D LIKE TO US TO BE AS PREPARED AS WE CAN BE BECAUSE I  
22 THINK A CONDITIONAL PIECE FOR THE BALLOT IS LEGAL. SAY  
23 CONTINGENT UPON PASSAGE OF X, WE WILL DO Y, IF YOU ADOPT IT.

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1 **ATTORNEY:** I SUPPOSE IT COULD BE CONTINGENT TO-- ON YOUR  
2 LIFTING OF THE BAN.

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4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WELL, WE MIGHT WANT TO SAY WE WOULD LIFT  
5 THE BAN IF-- AS YOU SAY, THE LAND USE REGULATION IS DIFFERENT.  
6 SO I KNOW WE HAVE TO WORK OUR WAY THROUGH IT. BUT WE HAVE SORT  
7 OF A DIFFERENT SET OF DISPARATE CONCERNS.

8

9 **ATTORNEY:** UNDERSTOOD.

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11 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** ONE OF WHICH IS WHAT WE DO IF IT PASSES AND  
12 WE WANT TO HAVE REGULATIONS IN PLACE. THE SECOND IS  
13 AGRICULTURAL REGULATIONS, WHICH ARE DIFFERENT FROM WHAT  
14 EVERYBODY ELSE USUALLY TALKS ABOUT. AND THE THIRD IS IF WE  
15 COULD BE PREPARED, IF WE DECIDE WE WANT TO, TO PUT SOMETHING  
16 ON THE BALLOT AND SEE WHAT THAT WOULD TAKE AND WHAT IT WOULD  
17 LOOK LIKE IF WE CAN CONDITIONALLY PUT SOMETHING ON THE BALLOT.

18

19 **ATTORNEY:** UNDERSTOOD. AND WE CAN REPORT BACK TO YOU ON THAT.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, IF I MAY. THE QUESTION WOULD  
22 BE: WHEN WOULD THAT REPORT BACK MATERIALIZE? AND THEN THE  
23 RELATED QUESTION IS, AS I RAISED EARLIER, WHAT YOU WOULD  
24 PROJECT IN TERMS OF HOW LONG IT WOULD TAKE FOR ANY REVENUE TO  
25 BE REALIZED? THESE ARE ALL VERY RELEVANT QUESTIONS THAT INFORM



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1 HOW WE MIGHT ELECT TO DISPOSE OF SUCH AN ITEM SHOULD IT COME  
2 FORTH FOR SUCH CONSIDERATION.

3

4 **ATTORNEY:** UNDERSTOOD, SIR.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT.

7

8 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS? I DID WANT TO  
11 JUST MENTION. I KNOW THIS ITEM BEFORE US IS TO CONTINUE THE  
12 BAN. AND I KNOW THAT IN MY DISTRICT, WE KNOW THAT THIS IS A  
13 HIGHLY CHARGED ISSUE BECAUSE WE'VE HAD DISPENSARIES THAT HAVE  
14 BEEN OPEN THAT HAVE NOT REALLY BEEN ABIDING BY STAY SAFE  
15 SECURE STANDARDS AND WE'VE HAD A NUMBER OF ISSUES. AND I'M  
16 HAPPY THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO AT LEAST ADDRESS THOSE. AND I  
17 REALIZE WE'RE IN A VERY UNIQUE POSITION RIGHT NOW BECAUSE OF  
18 WHAT WE SEE POSSIBLY-- CAN FORESEE HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER,  
19 WHICH CREATES A WHOLE OTHER SLEW OF OPTIONS FOR US. SO I, TOO,  
20 AM DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT WE MOVE VERY QUICKLY TO COME UP WITH  
21 THOSE THREE OPTIONS. AND ONE WOULD BE WHAT DO WE PREPARE FOR  
22 AFTER NOVEMBER? WHATEVER RESEARCH IS AVAILABLE FROM OTHER  
23 COUNTIES AS WELL AS STATES, COLORADO, WASHINGTON, HOW THEY  
24 DEALT WITH THIS CASH FLOW INCIDENT WHICH I THINK IS LEGITIMATE  
25 FOR US AND THEN HOW DO WE GO ABOUT ENFORCING THE CONTINUED



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1 SAFETY AND DO NOT GIVE AWAY THAT POWER THAT WE THINK WILL--  
2 THAT THE COUNTY SHOULD NOT BE TOTALLY GIVING AWAY AT THIS  
3 TIME, BECAUSE WE STILL WILL HAVE SOME CONCERNS AND, I THINK,  
4 AN ADJUSTMENT PERIOD. SO I'M DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THOSE  
5 ISSUES AND HOPE WE CAN ALL WORK TOGETHER VERY CLOSELY ON THAT.  
6 BUT I DO APPRECIATE THE STAFF'S SUPPORT THUS FAR. I KNOW THAT  
7 WE HAVE A WAYS TO GO HERE BUT WE'VE GOT TO MOVE QUICK. WE'VE  
8 GOT TO MOVE NIMBLE. SO THAT WOULD BE MY COMMENT.

9

10 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** JUST TWO COMMENTS, NOT TO CONFUSE THE ISSUE.  
11 IT APPEARS TO US, THROUGH A BRIEF READING OF THE PROPOSAL IS  
12 THAT IT WOULD GO INTO EFFECT JANUARY 1. SO WE'VE GOT ANOTHER  
13 45 DAYS ADDITIONAL PERIOD. TWO, WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH  
14 OF THE MANY DEPARTMENTS. IT ALSO APPEARS THAT IT WILL TAKE THE  
15 STATE, WHICH IS CHARGED TO DEVELOP REGULATIONS FOR THIS, SOME  
16 PERIOD OF TIME AS IT USUALLY DOES AFTER THIS IS ENACTED. SO WE  
17 MAY JUST GET AHEAD OF THE STATE AND THAT'S OKAY, BUT JUST BE  
18 AWARE OF THAT.

19

20 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WELL, I THINK WE WOULD HAVE SOME CHOICES  
21 FOR JANUARY. BUT IT MIGHT-- SINCE WE HAVE AN ORGANIZATION  
22 MEETING THE FIRST WEEK OF DECEMBER, WHICH IS OUR FIRST MEETING  
23 AFTER THE ELECTION, I MEAN OUR FIRST-- NOT REALLY. WE HAVE A  
24 COUPLE AFTER THE ELECTION AND THEN AN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING.



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1 BUT I THINK IT IS A SHORT WINDOW IF WE WANT SOMETHING TO GO  
2 INTO EFFECT IN JANUARY WHEN THE BAN WOULD BE QUESTIONABLE.

3

4 **RICHARD BRUCKNER:** CORRECT.

5

6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THINK WE'RE OVERLY CLEAR. ANYTHING WORTH  
7 REPEATING IS WORTH REPEATING.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SO LET ME REPEAT IT AGAIN. JUST A SPECIFIC  
10 REQUEST TO THE RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENTS, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO  
11 HAVE A TWO-WEEK REPORT BACK. I WANT TO BE VERY SPECIFIC ABOUT  
12 THE RANGE OF QUESTIONS THAT WERE POSED BY VARIOUS MEMBERS OF  
13 THE BOARD. DO A REPORT BACK TWO WEEKS FROM TODAY WITH WHATEVER  
14 WORK YOU HAVE DONE, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL. MADAME CHAIR?

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I THINK THAT'S AGREEABLE, RIGHT?  
17 OKAY. VERY GOOD. SO WE HAVE WELL OVER MAYBE 50 OR MORE  
18 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. SO I AM  
19 GOING TO ASK THAT WE GIVE EACH INDIVIDUAL AT LEAST A MINUTE  
20 AND A HALF SO WE CAN GET THROUGH THIS ITEM. WHICH-- YES,  
21 SUPERVISOR KNABE? LET ME RETRACK. WE ARE GOING TO REVISE THAT  
22 SINCE WE HAVE SO MANY SPEAKERS, WE'RE GOING GO TO ONE MINUTE  
23 APIECE. AND IF YOU WANT TO GIVE YOUR MINUTE TO SOMEONE ELSE,  
24 YOU CAN. BUT YOU NEED TO TELL US AHEAD OF TIME. YOU HAVE TO BE  
25 HERE TO DO THAT OR AT LEAST IN FRONT OF THE CAMERA BECAUSE WE





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1 DO HAVE SOME SPEAKERS FROM LANCASTER. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
2 AND WE'LL GET STARTED. WE HAVE DERRICK VILLALTA FROM LANCASTER  
3 ON THE LINE?

4

5 **DAVID MEYERS:** MY NAME IS DAVID MEYERS. I'M FROM QUARTZ HILL,  
6 CALIFORNIA. SO I WANTED TO SHARE A STORY ABOUT MY DAD. HE HAS  
7 MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS. HE WAS DIAGNOSED WHEN I WAS IN GRADE  
8 SCHOOL. I'VE WATCHED HIM STEADILY DETERIORATE OVER THE YEARS.  
9 AND WE'VE TRIED EVERYTHING TO HELP HIM AND NOTHING WOULD HELP  
10 UNTIL ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO HIS DOCTOR RECOMMENDED MEDICAL  
11 CANNABIS TO US. WE HAD NO IDEA THAT THAT WOULD HELP. AND HE  
12 STARTED IT. AND IT HELPED TREMENDOUSLY WITH PAIN USING C.B.D.  
13 AND I WANTED TO KNOW HOW THAT HELPED AND I STARTED RESEARCHING  
14 AND FOUND T.H.C. HELPED TOO. AND SINCE THEN HE'S HAD GREATLY  
15 REDUCED FATIGUE, ELIMINATED SWELLING OF LEGS, REDUCED  
16 SPASTICITY AND STIFFNESS IN LEG, GREATLY REDUCED DIZZINESS,  
17 ELIMINATED HEAD SPINS, IMPROVED BALANCE, IMPROVED VISION,  
18 ELIMINATION OF PAIN. HIS TRI-GENERAL NEURALGIA KNOWN AS A  
19 SUICIDE DISEASE IS UNDER CONTROL. COMPLETE 100 PERCENT  
20 ELIMINATION OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS. [APPLAUSE.]

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** JUST TO LET THE AUDIENCE KNOW,  
23 TYPICALLY IT'S GREAT TO APPLAUD, BUT FOR SAVING TIME, IF YOU  
24 COULD JUST, AS THEY SAY, RAISE THE ROOF, OKAY? SO YOU CAN SHOW  
25 YOUR SUPPORT IN THAT MANNER. OKAY. WE HAVE DERRICK--



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2 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** LAST TIME WE HAD A LOT OF APPLAUSE WE HAD  
3 TO CUT BACK TO 45 SECONDS FROM ONE MINUTE. SO YOU DON'T WANT  
4 US TO DO THAT. SO JUST SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION. THANKS.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, DERRICK VILLALTA IN LANCASTER.

7

8 **DERRICK VILLALTA:** HELLO, MY NAME IS DERRICK VILLALTA. I'M WITH  
9 STUDENTS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY AND WE ARE HERE FOR THE BAN  
10 AGAINST DISPENSARIES HERE IN LANCASTER. SCIENCE HAS PROVEN THE  
11 BENEFITS OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA TOWARDS PEOPLE WHO HAVE HORRIBLE  
12 DISABILITIES HERE. AND THE BAN HERE HAS BEEN AFFECTING  
13 PEOPLE'S ABILITY TO GET MEDICAL MARIJUANA HERE. IF THIS BAN  
14 CONTINUES, WE COULD SEE LARGE AMOUNTS OF PEOPLE HERE FROM THE  
15 DISABLED NOT BEING ABLE TO GET ALTERNATIVE MEDICATION AS THEY  
16 SEE FIT. AND YOU GUYS HAVE A LOT OF WONDERFUL DISABLED PEOPLE  
17 HERE TODAY. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT CONTINUING THIS BAN  
18 WOULD BE FURTHER VIOLATION OF RIGHTS FOR DISABILITIES. THANK  
19 YOU VERY MUCH.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE WADE ALEXANDER  
22 FROM LANCASTER?

23

24 **WADE ALEXANDER:** ALL RIGHT. HELLO, EVERYONE. MY NAME IS WADE  
25 ALEXANDER. I'M WITH AN ORGANIZATION CALLED THE STOP MASS



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1 INCARCERATION NETWORK. AND, YOU KNOW, I'M HERE IN SOLIDARITY  
2 WITH CANNABIS PATIENTS AND CULTIVATORS. YOU KNOW, THIS BAN IS  
3 A SERIOUS DETRIMENT TO PEOPLE ALL ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. YOU  
4 KNOW, THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA PATIENTS WHO  
5 LEGITIMATELY NEED ACCESS TO THIS MEDICATION, AND TO BAN IT IS  
6 A VIOLATION OF THEIR RIGHTS. IT'S ALSO AN ALTERNATIVE TO  
7 ADDICTIVE OPIATE MEDICATIONS AND THAT'S WHY-- MEDICATIONS AND  
8 THAT'S WHY I THINK WE NEED TO LIFT THE BAN, ABSOLUTELY.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WE HAVE GREG  
11 HERNANDEZ FROM LANCASTER?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** THERE'S NO MORE SPEAKERS HERE.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IS THAT IT? OKAY. THANK YOU. OKAY.  
16 WE'LL NOW TURN TO THE PUBLIC HERE. ELINOR JOHNSTON? BRIDGET  
17 MARY. ELENA ORNELAS. KATHLEEN VILLARREAL. AND JUST A REMINDER.  
18 STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD WHEN YOU APPROACH THE PODIUM  
19 HERE. ELINOR? GO AHEAD.

20

21 **ELINOR JOHNSTON:** MY NAME IS ELINOR JOHNSTON. I JUST WANT TO  
22 SPEAK.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SPEAK INTO THE MIC, PLEASE.

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1 **ELINOR JOHNSTON:** IS THAT BETTER?

2

3 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES.

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5 **ELINOR JOHNSTON:** I JUST WANT TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF LIFTING  
6 THE BAN. I AM A PATIENT MYSELF AND IT HAS ALLOWED ME TO BE  
7 ABLE TO SLEEP. I CAN'T IMAGINE NOT BEING ABLE TO SLEEP. IT'S  
8 JUST A VERY BASIC NEED. IT'S JUST-- I UNDERSTAND THE NEED TO  
9 STUDY THIS. I UNDERSTAND THE LOGISTICS ARE ENORMOUS. BUT THERE  
10 IS HUMAN HEALTH ON THE LINE. THAT'S IT. THANK YOU FOR  
11 LISTENING.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BRIDGET MARY?

14

15 **BRIDGET MARY:** HI, I AM BRIDGET MARY. I AM A PATIENT OF MEDICAL  
16 MARIJUANA. IT HAS HELPED ME TREMENDOUSLY WITH DEPRESSION AND  
17 ANXIETY AND MIGRAINE HEADACHES. IF IT WASN'T FOR MEDICAL  
18 MARIJUANA, I MIGHT HAVE COMMITTED SUICIDE. I'VE ALSO WITNESSED  
19 PEOPLE UNDER THE STATE OF RAGE AND ANGER BEING ABLE TO CALM  
20 DOWN AND HAVE A VERY PEACEFUL DISCUSSION VERSUS FIGHTING. IT  
21 HAS ALSO HELPED ME WITH RECOVERING FROM ALCOHOL ADDICTION AND  
22 SPEED ADDICTION. AND I'VE SEEN ALSO-- WITNESSED MANY PATIENTS  
23 RECOVER FROM PAIN AND ANXIETY, AS WELL, BECAUSE OF MEDICAL  
24 MARIJUANA. THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ELENA ORNELAS.

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3    **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING. I'M FROM P.C.O.L.A., AND I COME TO ASK  
4    TO LIFT MEDICAL MARIJUANA DUE TO THE FACT THAT I WAS A METH  
5    USER, EX-METH USER AND NOW DUE TO MEDICAL MARIJUANA, I'M ABLE  
6    TO SEE MORE CLEARER AND SEE LIFE. THAT'S IT. THANK YOU.

7

8    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. KATHLEEN VILLARREAL?

9

10   **KATHLEEN VILLARREAL:** HELLO MY NAME IS KATHLEEN. I'M FROM  
11   PATIENTS COALITION LOS ANGELES. WE PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF  
12   PATIENTS TO ACCESS SAFE MEDICAL MARIJUANA AS WELL AS WE LOBBY  
13   FOR THE RIGHTS OF STAKEHOLDERS TO OPERATE IN A REGULATORY  
14   FRAMEWORK. I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU TO LIFT THE BAN TODAY BECAUSE  
15   THE BAN IS KEEPING PATIENTS AWAY FROM ACCESSING SAFE  
16   MEDICATION, AS WELL AS WE'D LIKE TO SEE MORE TESTING DONE ON  
17   MEDICAL MARIJUANA. THERE'S SO MANY WONDERFUL PROPERTIES THAT  
18   HELP PATIENTS AND DIFFERENT ELEMENTS THAT PEOPLE HAVE. UNTIL  
19   THE BAN IS LIFTED, WE CANNOT REALLY EVALUATE AND PATIENTS DO  
20   NOT HAVE ACCESS TO SAFE MEDICATION THAT ARE TESTED. WE'D LIKE  
21   TO SEE MEDICATION TESTED. WE'D LIKE TO SEE BUSINESS OPERATING  
22   IN AN ORGANIZATIONAL WAY THAT'S GOING TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE  
23   COMMUNITY, THE SAFETY OF THE COMMUNITY. WE'D LIKE TO ASK THE  
24   BOARD TO HELP PROTECT THESE PATIENTS AND ALLOW THESE  
25   OPERATIONS TO CONTINUE IN A REGULATORY FRAMEWORK. BUT UNTIL



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1 THE BAN IS LIFTED, THAT CANNOT HAPPEN. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK  
2 YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. I HAVE MAURINA  
5 CINTRON. GILBERT MORA. HAL LEWIS? AND MARIA VERA MORAN. STATE  
6 YOUR NAME SIR.

7

8 **HAL LEWIS:** MY NAME IS HAL LEWIS. GOOD MORNING. AND I STAND  
9 BEFORE YOU TODAY ASKING YOU NOT TO PUT A BAN AND TO LIFT THE  
10 BAN ON MEDICAL CANNABIS. I'M PART OF A NONPROFIT COOPERATIVE  
11 THAT IS A CLOSED LOOP AND SET UP PER STATE GUIDELINES. WE HAVE  
12 BETWEEN 15 AND 25 MEMBERS A MONTH THAT WE WORK WITH. MOSTLY  
13 RETIREES FROM THE MOTION PICTURE INDUSTRY, ALSO A RETIRED  
14 JUDGE AND A RETIRED SENATOR. WE WORK WITH PEOPLE WITH MAJOR  
15 ILLNESS AND PAIN. AND ALSO WE WORK WITH PEOPLE THAT ARE AT THE  
16 END STAGE OF THEIR LIFE AND WISH TO MAKE THEIR TRANSITION  
17 PEACEFUL. WE HAVE SEEN MANY PEOPLE OVER THE YEARS AT THE END  
18 OF THEIR LIFE. MEDICAL CANNABIS DOES HELP IN MANY WAYS. ALL  
19 THE MEMBERS SEE A NURSE PRACTITIONER BEFORE BECOMING A MEMBER  
20 AND TAUGHT THE PROPER WAY TO USE CANNABIS. I JUST COME BEFORE  
21 YOU TO ASK YOU TO LIFT THE BAN BECAUSE OF THE REGULATIONS THAT  
22 I SEE. WHAT THE BAN WILL DO IS TAKE AWAY THE TESTING IN THE  
23 LABORATORIES. THAT'S ONE THING THAT'S MOST IMPORTANT TO US IS  
24 TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE CLEAN MEDICATION OUT THERE FOR OUR  
25 PATIENTS. THANK YOU.





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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER?

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4 **MARIA VERA MORAN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARIA VERA MORAN. I  
5 OPPOSE THE BAN. I WAS DIAGNOSED WITH LUPUS AT A VERY YOUNG  
6 AGE. THERE IS NO CURE FOR LUPUS. THE MEDICATIONS I RECEIVE  
7 TODAY ARE DESIGNED TO TREAT THE SYMPTOMS AND THE MEDICATIONS  
8 CAUSE MANY SIDE EFFECTS. IT'S THE NATURE OF MY DISEASE.  
9 UNFORTUNATELY THERE'S NOT ENOUGH RESEARCH FINDING AVAILABLE  
10 FOR A CURE. THAT BEING SAID, I REPRESENT THE GROUP OF PEOPLE  
11 THAT DEPEND ON PAIN RELIEVING BENEFITS OF MARIJUANA. PLEASE  
12 UNDERSTAND I DO NOT SMOKE MARIJUANA, BUT I DO DEPEND ON THE  
13 PAIN RELIEVING EFFECTS THROUGH EDIBLES. BECAUSE OF THE COURAGE  
14 AND INNOVATION OF SOME OF THESE BUSINESSES, I RECEIVE THE  
15 MEDICINAL BENEFITS OF MARIJUANA WITHOUT THE NEED TO SMOKE IT.  
16 THE MEDICINES THEY PROVIDE ALLOW ME TO MANAGE THE PAINFUL  
17 EFFECTS OF MY LUPUS FLARE UPS. DUE TO MY DISEASE, I AM NO  
18 LONGER ABLE TO DRIVE. MY DISEASE CAUSES JOINT PAIN AND MAKES  
19 MOBILITY A STRUGGLE ON MANY, MANY DAYS. MOBILE DISPENSARIES  
20 ALLOW ME TO GET MY MEDICINE WITHOUT DEPENDING ON OTHERS FOR  
21 ASSISTANCE. TO FORCE THESE BUSINESSES OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES  
22 IS SHORT SIGHTED AND IGNORES SO MANY BENEFITS THEY PROVIDE TO  
23 PATIENTS JUST LIKE ME. THANK YOU.

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MARINA?



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2 **MARINA CINTRON:** GOOD MORNING. I'M MARINA CINTRON. I'M PART OF  
3 RETHINKING ACCESS TO MARIJUANA. WE ARE A WORKGROUP THAT IS  
4 CONCERNED ABOUT THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF YOUTH,  
5 PARTICULARLY WITH YOUTH ACCESS TO MARIJUANA. MARIJUANA IS AND  
6 WILL REMAIN ILLEGAL FOR YOUTH TO POSSESS NO MATTER WHAT  
7 HAPPENS WITH LEGISLATION. REGARDLESS OF ONE'S USE OF  
8 LEGISLATION OR PROHIBITION OF MARIJUANA, IT IS UNDENIABLE THAT  
9 COMMERCIALIZED OF MARIJUANA, MARIJUANA PRODUCTS COULD BE  
10 DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS ON THE HEALTH, THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING  
11 OF OUR COMMUNITIES. THEREFORE INCREASING EFFORTS ARE NEEDED  
12 NOW TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH. AND EDUCATE THE PUBLIC WITH  
13 RELIABLE INFORMATION ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH  
14 IMPACTS OF MARIJUANA USE. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SIR, NEXT?

17

18 **GILBERT MORA:** GILBERT MORA, CHAIR OF RETHINKING ACCESS TO  
19 MARIJUANA. AND I JUST WANT TO ITERATE THAT DEFINITELY  
20 INCREASED ACCESS EQUALS INCREASED USE AMONG YOUTH. AND OUR  
21 MAIN GOAL IS TO ENSURE THAT REGULATIONS OR BANS, WHATEVER YOU  
22 WANT TO CALL THEM, ARE IN PLACE TO ENSURE THAT YOUTH DO NOT  
23 GET ACCESS TO THESE THINGS. IF YOU WANT COMMON SENSE WAYS TO  
24 REGULATE IT, I WOULD RECOMMEND YOU LOOK AT THE BLUE RIBBON  
25 COMMISSION ON MARIJUANA POLICY THAT WAS SPEARHEADED BY



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1 GOVERNOR NEWSOME. HE PUT IN A LOT OF DIFFERENT LITTLE THINGS  
2 AND HE DID A LOT OF THIS RESEARCH THAT YOU'RE ALREADY ASKING  
3 FOR. IT WOULD SAVE YOU A LOT OF TIME AND MONEY. AND AS FAR AS  
4 THE RUSH, I REALLY DON'T SEE THE RUSH RIGHT NOW BECAUSE MOST  
5 OF THESE THINGS ARE NOT GOING TO BE INSTITUTED UNTIL 2018. THE  
6 M.M.R.S.A WILL NOT HAVE ANY KIND OF REGULATIONS IN PLACE UNTIL  
7 2018. SO THERE IS NO RUSH RIGHT NOW. SO I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT  
8 YOU TAKE YOUR TIME AND DO THIS RIGHT.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. I HAVE MICHAEL LONG. JONATHAN  
11 CVETKO. JONATHAN GARBER AND JOANNA BERG. GO AHEAD.

12

13 **JOANNA BERG:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JOANNA BERG, AND I'M  
14 AGAINST THE CURRENT BAN ON MEDICAL CANNABIS IN L.A. COUNTY.  
15 PUTTING A BAN ON CANNABIS KEEPS THE MEDICINE OUT OF THE HANDS  
16 OF THE PEOPLE WHO NEED IT MOST. MANY PEOPLE WITH CHRONIC  
17 CONDITIONS ARE NOT ABLE TO LEAVE THEIR HOME, AND SO THEY  
18 DEPEND ON SAFE ACCESS TO THEIR MEDICINE. THIS LEAVES MANY  
19 PEOPLE LEFT TO SUFFER UNNECESSARILY. WE ARE HERE BECAUSE WE  
20 WANT TO WORK WITH YOU IN REGULATING CANNABIS. WE WANT PEOPLE  
21 WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM CHRONIC PAIN, FROM P.T.S.D. AND FROM  
22 LIFE-THREATENING DISEASES TO BE ABLE TO GET THEIR MEDICINE.  
23 DESPITE ALL THE EXCITING RESEARCH AND POLITICAL PROGRESS,  
24 DESPITE A GROWING NUMBER OF STATES THAT HAVE PASSED MEDICAL  
25 MARIJUANA LAWS, EVEN NOW LEGIONS OF AMERICA'S CHRONICALLY ILL



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1 HAVE NO MEANS OR HOPE OF ACQUIRING MEDICAL GRADE CANNABIS IN  
2 THE AMOUNTS NECESSARY TO ALLEVIATE THEIR SUFFERING, THEY ARE  
3 FORCED TO RELY ON PHARMACEUTICAL MEDICATIONS WITH DEBILITATING  
4 SIDE EFFECTS.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

7

8 **JONATHAN GARBER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS JONATHAN GARBER, I'M A  
9 MEDICAL MARIJUANA PATIENT HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I'M  
10 GOING TO AD LIB SINCE WE GOT OUR TIME CUT DOWN. I JUST WANT TO  
11 ANSWER THAT YOU GUYS CAN ACCEPT CASH PAYMENTS. OREGON IS DOING  
12 IT. IT IS POSSIBLE. AND I WOULD RECOMMEND HAVING LOCAL DROP-  
13 OFF POINTS. TO REITERATE, IT IS ABOUT AN ALTERNATIVE TO  
14 OPIATES AND OTHER DRUGS. 30,000 PEOPLE A YEAR ARE OVERDOSING.  
15 PERSONALLY, MYSELF, I'M FROM NEW JERSEY. WE HAVE AN OPIATE  
16 EPIDEMIC THERE. I WAS AN ADDICT FOR MANY YEARS. I'VE BEEN  
17 CLEAN FIVE YEARS NOW AND I WOULD SAY, THAT IS VERY LIKELY  
18 INFLUENCED BY MARIJUANA. I WANT TO CLARIFY THE DIFFERENCE  
19 BETWEEN M.M.R.S.A AND THE ADULT USE OF MARIJUANA ACT. THEY ARE  
20 PROBABLY GOING TO REMAIN TWO SEPARATE PROGRAMS, OR AT LEAST I  
21 HOPE THEY DO. WASHINGTON IS THE ONLY STATE THAT IS TRYING TO  
22 PUT THEM INTO ONE. PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AREN'T TAXED. I HOPE  
23 THAT MEDICAL MARIJUANA REMAINS AT LEAST MUCH LESS TAXED THAN  
24 ADULT USE MARIJUANA. AND LASTLY YOU CAN GO TO COLORADO, YOU  
25 CAN GO TOUR FACILITIES, YOU CAN TALK TO POLITICIANS, YOU CAN



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1 GET FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCED INFORMATION TO HELP YOU MAKE THESE  
2 DECISIONS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

5

6 **MICHAEL LONG:** MY NAME IS MICHAEL LONG, AND I'M IN FAVOR OF  
7 LIFTING THE BAN SO THAT PATIENTS CAN GET SAFE ACCESS TO  
8 MEDICATION AND THEY DO NOT NEED TO LOOK TOWARDS THE BLACK  
9 MARKET TO SATISFY THEIR NEEDS. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT WITNESS?

12

13 **JONATHAN CVETKO:** MY NAME IS JONATHAN CVETKO. I'VE HAD THE  
14 PLEASURE OF MEETING WITH MOST OF YOUR STAFF, AND I WANT TO SAY  
15 THANK YOU FOR THIS PAST MONTH IN DISCUSSING THIS TOPIC WITH  
16 US. WE ARE ALL VERY ENCOURAGED BY YOUR EFFORTS IN LOOKING TO  
17 REGULATE THIS. AT THE SAME TIME WE WANT TO ASK YOU TO PLEASE  
18 CONSIDER A BETTER SOLUTION THAN THIS BAN RIGHT NOW. THERE ARE  
19 PATIENTS IN THE COUNTY RIGHT NOW, MANY OF WHICH CANNOT HAVE  
20 ACCESS TO MEDICINE THEY NEED. ON THE FIRST TIME AROUND ON THE  
21 BAN, YOU HAD VOTED FOR A BIFURCATED VOTE TO OFFER DELIVERY  
22 SERVICES SO THAT THE PATIENTS CAN ACCESS THEIR MEDICAL  
23 MARIJUANA THEY NEED IT. WE'RE LOOKING FOR SAFE ACCESS UNTIL  
24 YOU ARE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT THE REGULATIONS NEEDED FOR THIS.  
25 YOU WILL SEE MANY OF HERE IN THE AUDIENCE HERE TOGETHER



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1 WEARING THE GREEN RIBBON. WE HAVE ALL COME HERE TOGETHER SO  
2 THAT WE CAN ASK YOU FOR THESE SAME THINGS. PLEASE, PLEASE,  
3 PLEASE CONSIDER THESE PATIENTS OUT THERE RIGHT NOW. THEY  
4 CANNOT WAIT UNTIL YOU GUYS CAN BE ABLE TO REGULATE. WE NEED TO  
5 FIGURE OUT A BETTER SOLUTION HERE RIGHT NOW. WE'VE BROUGHT  
6 OTHER PEOPLE ON BOARD AS WELL, SO THEY CAN HELP GUIDE US. YOU  
7 SEE PEOPLE FOR C.C.I.A., FROM DRUG POLICY ALLIANCE, FROM OTHER  
8 GROUPS AS WELL COMING HERE. WE ARE ALL UNITED TO TRY TO HELP  
9 YOU FIGURE THIS OUT TOGETHER. PLEASE DON'T THINK YOU'RE ALONE  
10 AND THAT YOU HAVE TO FIGURE THIS OUT ON YOUR OWN. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JOHN ROZELLE. TOMER  
13 GRASSIANI. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ARYN SIEBER.

14

15 **JOHN ROZELLE:** HI, MY NAME IS JOHN ROZELLE. THANK YOU FOR  
16 GIVING US SOME TIME. I'M AGAINST THE BAN ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA.  
17 AS YOU HEARD FROM MANY PATIENTS TODAY, WE'VE GOT A GREAT  
18 NUMBER OF MEDICAL BENEFITS THAT ARE COMING TO LIGHT VIA THIS  
19 PLANT. AND I THINK I POINT A LITTLE TO CALIFORNIA HISTORY. AT  
20 THE TIME PROHIBITION ENDED ON ALCOHOL, 99 PERCENT OF GRAPE  
21 PRODUCTION IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WENT TO FORTIFIED WINE.  
22 IT WAS JUST USED FOR GETTING DRUNK. RIGHT NOW WE HAVE  
23 OBVIOUSLY A VERY DIFFERENT INDUSTRY. THAT IS WHAT IS TRYING TO  
24 HAPPEN. THAT IS WHAT THE INDUSTRY IS TRYING TO DO HERE. BY  
25 MAINTAINING A BAN, YOU'RE PUSHING FUNDS EFFECTIVELY TOWARD THE





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1 FORTIFIED WINE INDUSTRY VERSUS PEOPLE THAT CAN PROCESS AND  
2 TURN THIS INTO TREMENDOUSLY BENEFICIAL PRODUCTS, FROM  
3 ARTHRITIS TO CANCER, TO LUPUS TO ALL OF THESE THINGS. SO I  
4 WOULD LIKE TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO SIDE WITH THE TIDE THAT IS  
5 RISING FOR INNOVATION AND MOVE THE INDUSTRY INTO THE LIGHT.  
6 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS?

9

10 **TOMER GRASSIANI:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NAME IS TOMER  
11 GRASSIANI AND I AM ALSO IN FAVOR OF LIFTING THE BAN. I'M A  
12 RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES AND RECENT U.S. CITIZEN. AND IN MY  
13 CITIZENSHIP CLASS, I LEARNED ABOUT THE MARKET ECONOMY HERE IN  
14 THE U.S. THE CURRENT LAWS AND BANS DO NOT SEEM IN LINE WITH  
15 THE PRINCIPLE OF A MARKET ECONOMY TO ME. I DO NOT BELIEVE  
16 THERE SHOULD BE A LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF CULTIVATION,  
17 PROCESSING OR DISPENSARY LICENSES, AS THERE IS NO LIMIT ON  
18 LIQUOR STORE LICENSES OR PHARMACIES. AND THERE'S NO REASON WHY  
19 ALL THE DIFFERENT TYPE OF STATE LICENSES THAT ARE COMING BOTH  
20 UNDER THE MEDICAL M.M.R.S.A AND UNDER THE RECREATIONAL BILL  
21 WILL BE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THIS CITY. FURTHERMORE, REPORTS  
22 FROM WASHINGTON AND COLORADO SHOW A CLEAR CORRELATION BETWEEN  
23 A LIMITED NUMBER OF LICENSES MADE AVAILABLE AND INCREASED SIZE  
24 OF THE BLACK MARKET. THERE ARE MANY PATIENTS THAT CANNOT  
25 TRAVEL FAR TO GET THEIR MEDICINE AND OTHERS WHO CANNOT EVEN



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1 LEAVE THEIR HOUSE THEMSELVES AND RELY ON DELIVERIES TO GET  
2 THEIR MEDICINE. I BELIEVE THE MARKET WOULD REGULATE ITSELF IN  
3 TERMS OF NUMBER OF CULTIVATION, PROCESSING AND DISPENSARIES,  
4 AND WOULD ONLY FORCE EACH BUSINESS TO OFFER BETTER SERVICE AND  
5 BETTER MEDICINE QUALITY OR RISK GOING OUT OF BUSINESS. ALL THE  
6 WHILE THE CITY WILL COLLECT MUCH NEEDED REVENUE TAX.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **TOMER GRASSIANI:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS?

13

14 **ARYN SIEBER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ARYN SIEBER. STAGE 4 CANCER  
15 SURVIVOR OF THE THROAT AND NECK. I ACQUIRED MY CANCER AS A  
16 RESULT OF BEING A VOLUNTEER FIRST RESPONDER AT 9/11. I USE  
17 CANNABIS OIL TO GET RID OF MY CANCER. I'M NOW IN COMPLETE  
18 REMISSION. AND I RUN A COMPLIANT COLLECTIVE HERE IN  
19 CALIFORNIA. I THINK THAT THE BAN SHOULD BE LIFTED, REGULATED  
20 AND TAXED. THE PRIMARY CASH PROBLEM I THINK THAT WE HAVE IS  
21 THE BANKING REGULATION. IF YOU COULD MAKE DEPOSITS, I THINK  
22 YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO REGULATE YOUR TAX AND USE THE SEED TO  
23 SALE SYSTEM TO TRACK AND GET YOUR TAXES. ANYWAY, THANK YOU  
24 VERY MUCH.

25



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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

2

3    **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
4    DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. PERSONALLY, I AM IN FAVOR OF EXTENDING  
5    THE BAN FOR ONE YEAR. I THINK THERE IS AMPLE PLACE WHERE  
6    PEOPLE WHO ARE ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA IN L.A. COUNTY CAN OBTAIN  
7    MARIJUANA. THERE IS A LOT OF STUDIES GOING ON AT THE N.I.H. ON  
8    MARIJUANA. AND I THINK ALSO THE RESULTS ARE FOR WAYS WE SHOULD  
9    HOLD ON. AND IT WOULD BE DIFFERENT IF WE DID NOT HAVE  
10   APPROPRIATE PLACE RIGHT NOW WHO CAN DISPENSE MEDICAL  
11   MARIJUANA. SO I THINK, YOU KNOW, IT IS A VERY DIFFERENT ISSUE.  
12   I THINK SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO BE CAUTIOUS ON CERTAIN ISSUES.  
13   AND I THINK ON MARIJUANA, IT'S A BANDWAGON THAT EVERYBODY IS  
14   JUMPING ON, MANY FOR THE USE, AND MANY TO MAKE MONEY, AND  
15   THAT'S NOT THE SOLUTION.

16

17   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE NEXT GROUP, JULIANN FRENCH.  
18   DAVID CUNNINGHAM. LARON CUE. CRYSTAL BAUTISTA.

19

20   **DAVID CUNNINGHAM:** HI THERE, I'M DAVID CUNNINGHAM. AND I SPOKE  
21   WITH YOU LAST TIME WE MET ON THIS ISSUE. I'M ACTUALLY A RECENT  
22   CANNABIS PATIENT. I'VE NEVER USED THE STUFF IN MY LIFE UNTIL  
23   RECENTLY, THE LAST 60 DAYS. I'M THE GUY-- I WAS GOING TO TALK  
24   TO MR. THOMAS, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE HE SKIPPED OUT AGAIN. HE DID  
25   THE LAST THING LAST TIME HE WAS UP IN SACRAMENTO. BUT I'M THE



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1 GUY THAT GOT HURT ON THE MOVIE SET BACK IN THE '90S AND  
2 FRACTURED MY BACK AND THEN IN 2007 AS THINGS DETERIORATED WITH  
3 MY BACK, THEY WANTED TO DO SURGERY AND I SAID THAT'S JUST NOT  
4 AN OPTION SO THEY PUT ME ON THE PAIN MEDS. I'VE BEEN ON  
5 EVERYTHING. AND I TELL YOU WHAT. BEING ON PAIN MEDS, IT HAS  
6 ITS BENEFITS. IT'S ALLOWED ME TO ACTUALLY CONTINUE TO WORK AND  
7 NOT GO ON DISABILITY. BUT IT ALSO HAS ITS DRAWBACKS BECAUSE IT  
8 DOES HAVE SUCH SEVERE CONSEQUENCES. AND SO I WOULD ENCOURAGE  
9 YOU TO LIFT THE BAN. AS FAR AS RAISING THE TAX MONEY, THERE'S  
10 SO MUCH THAT CAN HAPPEN WITH LIFTING THIS BAN THAT YOU CAN  
11 CAPITALIZE ON RIGHT NOW. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

12

13 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** PERHAPS THE GENTLEMAN WOULD WISH TO  
14 APOLOGIZE TO MR. THOMAS FOR SAYING THAT HE SKIPPED OUT?

15

16 **DAVID CUNNINGHAM:** OH, I'M SORRY. I DO APOLOGIZE, MR. THOMAS.

17

18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, PLEASE.

21

22 **JULIANN FRENCH:** JULIANN. I'M A FARMER'S DAUGHTER FROM THE  
23 MIDWEST SO I'M BEEN RAISED IN THE FARMING INDUSTRY. WITH ALL  
24 THE DIFFERENT KIND OF CROPS, CANNABIS DOES GROW WILD IN THE  
25 DITCHES THERE AND HIGHER THAN HORSES. I WAS RAISED WITH THE



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1 IDEA THAT THIS WAS A WEED, A WEED LIKE A DANDELION WEED. AND  
2 THEN AS MY, YOU KNOW, UNDERSTANDING WENT, IT WAS FOR MARIJUANA  
3 USE. MAYBE MY IGNORANCE AS A CHILD THINKING THAT AN ALCOHOLIC  
4 IS ONLY A STREET DRUNK, LIKE MARIJUANA IS ONLY FOR SOMEBODY  
5 WHO IS NOT FUNCTIONAL IN LIFE, I WAS WRONG. I DECIDED TO DO  
6 RESEARCH. AND I RESEARCHED IN GOOGLE, I RESEARCHED WITH  
7 DOCTORS, I RESEARCHED EVERYWHERE ABOUT MARIJUANA AND FOUND OUT  
8 THIS HAS BEEN IN THE BIBLE SINCE GENESIS, EXODUS AND IN MANY  
9 DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS CULTURES FOR CENTURIES. AND UNDERSTANDING  
10 THE REASON WHY THIS IS BANNED NOW SINCE LAST YEAR IS REALLY A  
11 QUESTION. I SENT A TWEET, TWITTER TO ALL OF YOU ABOUT SOME  
12 RESEARCH THAT YOU CAN READ. AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO GO TO  
13 GOOGLE AND LOOK AT CANNABIS IN THE BIBLE.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU NEXT SPEAKER.

16

17 **CRYSTAL BAUTISTA:** HI, I'M CRYSTAL BAUTISTA. I'M HERE TODAY IN  
18 FAVOR OF LIFTING THE BAN. 10 YEARS AGO WHEN I WAS AN UNDERGRAD  
19 U.C. BERKELEY I TOOK A CLASS ON DRUGS AND THE BRAIN AND I DID  
20 MY EDUCATION AND DID MY RESEARCH. BASICALLY EVERYTHING I  
21 LEARNED IN THIS CLASS, NOTHING LED TO SAY THAT CANNABIS IS  
22 ACTUALLY A DRUG THAT HAS A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THE BRAIN OR ON  
23 THE SYSTEM. ON THE CONTRAST, IT ACTUALLY SHOWED ALL THE  
24 BENEFITS. AT THAT TIME, THERE WASN'T AS MUCH STUDY AS THERE IS  
25 TODAY. LONG STORY SHORT, MY GRANDMOTHER IS 95 YEARS OLD. SHE



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1 HAS ARTHRITIS, SHE HAS TROUBLE SLEEPING, SHE HAS BACK  
2 PROBLEMS. SHE WAS TAKING THREE NARCOS A NIGHT TO TRY TO FALL  
3 ASLEEP. THIS IS CAUSING HER TO GET ULCERS IN HER STOMACH. I  
4 INTRODUCED HER TO C.B.D. OILS AND SHE'S A CANNABIS PATIENT.  
5 SHE'S BEEN ABLE TO SLEEP. SHE'S BEEN ABLE TO, USE HER HANDS TO  
6 COOK. SHE LOVES TO COOK, GARDEN. THAT'S HER FAVORITE THING IN  
7 THE WORLD, AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT MY GRANDMA  
8 CONTINUES TO GET SAFE MEDICINE AND SHE CAN CONTINUE TO LIVE  
9 HER LIFE AND GARDEN. THANKS.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

12

13 **LORAN CUE:** YES, HELLO, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS LORAN  
14 CUE. I'M A TRANSPLANT, A NEW YORK TRANSPLANT HERE TO  
15 CALIFORNIA. I ONLY HAVE A MINUTE SO I WILL TRY TO KEEP IT  
16 BRIEF. ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS THAT I CAME TO CALIFORNIA TO  
17 LOS ANGELES SPECIFICALLY IS BECAUSE OF YOUR PROGRESSIVE  
18 THINKING. IN THE SHORT TIME THAT I WAS IN NEW YORK 10 OR SO  
19 YEARS AGO, I'M A GOOD GUY, NO PROBLEMS KIND OF GUY. I FOUND  
20 MYSELF ARRESTED FOUR TIMES IN A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS,  
21 MARIJUANA POSSESSIONS, CANNABIS POSSESSIONS. NOW I RELOCATE  
22 HERE IN AN AREA SUCH AS LOS ANGELES WHERE THERE IS A LITTLE  
23 BIT OF FREEDOM ALLOCATED TO US, I WOULD BEG THE BOARD TO  
24 PLEASE CONTINUE TO LOOK INTO THIS CONSIDERATION WITH AS MUCH  
25 SERIOUSNESS AS POSSIBLE AND HELP US FIND A WAY TO REGULATE.





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1 SPEAKING FOR MYSELF AND OTHER PEOPLE, UP ON OUR PERSONAL  
2 COLLECTIVE, WE ARE WILLING TO HELP YOU GUYS. WE HAVE MORE THAN  
3 ENOUGH INFORMATION TO SHARE WITH YOU. WANT TO GIVE A BIG SHOUT  
4 OUT TO MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS AND MS. KUEHL, MR. KNABE, EVERYBODY  
5 ON THE BOARD. WE LOVE YOU. PLEASE CONSIDER OUR VOTE. LIFT THE  
6 BAN. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE ARNOLD SACHS. ERIK  
9 HULTSTROM ERICA DAVIS. SARAH ARMSTRONG AND ANGELA VIESTI.  
10 ARNOLD SACHS? NO, I CALLED YOU UP FIRST.

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** WHY, YES, THANK YOU GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS.  
13 REALLY IT'S ALL ABOUT THE MONEY. HERE'S A STORY FROM 5/27/16,  
14 ABOUT NORTH COAST CANNABIS CULTIVATORS FEAR THE MONEY, THE  
15 ESTABLISHMENT, SHOULDERING INTO THEIR SCRUFFY LIVELIHOOD. IT  
16 GOES ON TO TALK ABOUT DISTRIBUTION OF MARIJUANA PRODUCTS IN  
17 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. AND IT MENTIONS THAT UNDER THE NEW  
18 LAW IN 2018, CALIFORNIA WILL START ISSUING LICENSES FOR  
19 DISTRIBUTORS, GROWERS, RETAILERS AND TESTING FACILITIES. IT  
20 ALSO MENTIONS THAT GOVERNOR BROWN HAS ALREADY APPOINTED  
21 SOMEBODY TO THE FIRST CHIEF OF THE NEW BUREAU OF MEDICAL  
22 MARIJUANA REGULATION. SO YOU HAVE ESSENTIALLY UNTIL 2018 TO  
23 ACTUALLY FIGURE OUT HOW YOU ARE GOING TO DISTRIBUTE THIS  
24 PRODUCT. BUT NONE OF YOU HAVE MENTIONED THAT AND NONE OF YOU  
25 HAVE SAID ANYTHING ABOUT ANYTHING GOING ON IN SACRAMENTO, PER



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1 SE, EXCEPT TO WORRY ABOUT THE TAXES AND ALL THAT STUFF THAT'S  
2 GOING ON THERE. BUT I WOULD ASSUME THAT SINCE YOU'RE PAYING  
3 ALL THESE LEGISLATIVE AND GOVERNOR ADVOCATES, YOU WOULD KNOW  
4 SOMETHING ABOUT THAT AND STOP PASSING THIS OFF AS CRAP.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

7

8 **ERICA DAVIS:** HI MY NAME IS ERICA DAVIS. I'M A HEALTHCARE  
9 PROFESSIONAL WHO ON APRIL 12, 2016, DECIDED I WOULD NO LONGER  
10 BE A HYPOCRITE. I WOULD NO LONGER PARTICIPATE IN BIG  
11 PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES MAKING A LIFETIME LOYALTY PROGRAM  
12 THAT I WAS PARTICIPATING IN. SO I QUIT, AND I STOPPED. THAT  
13 TOOK A BIG FINANCIAL TOLL ON ME AS MY CAREER-- I'M IN MY 40S,  
14 MY CAREER WAS REALLY JUST TAKING OFF, BECAUSE IT'S SO  
15 IMPORTANT TO ME THAT TESTING AND ALTERNATIVES TO--  
16 PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES LIE. WE'VE BEEN LIED TO CONSTANTLY.  
17 THEY GIVE YOU ONE DRUG AFTER ANOTHER DRUG. THERE IS NOTHING  
18 THAT YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO COME UP WITH OR ANY OF US IN THE  
19 NEXT 30 MINUTES OR WHAT HAVE YOU THAT'S GOING CHANGE THINGS.  
20 BUT WE DO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND BE A  
21 PART OF HISTORY. THIS IS OUR STONEWALL. WE CAN CHANGE THINGS.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

24



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1 **ERIK HULTSTROM:** HI, MY NAME IS ERIK HULTSTROM. I'M THE  
2 PRESIDENT OF AN ORGANIZATION CALLED THE CULTIVATORS' ALLIANCE.  
3 WE REPRESENT CULTIVATORS WHO ARE IN THE LOS ANGELES AREA.  
4 YOU'VE HEARD THE TESTIMONIALS FROM PATIENTS AS TO WHAT THIS  
5 DOES TO PROVIDE A POSITIVE BENEFIT TO THEIR LIVES. I WOULD  
6 LIKE TO ADVOCATE ON THE SIDE OF SMALL BUSINESSES THAT HAVE  
7 ALREADY EXISTED IN THIS TO PROVIDE THE SUPPORT. WITHOUT THE  
8 SMALL BUSINESSES PROVIDING MEDICINE FOR THE SHOPS FOR THE SICK  
9 PEOPLE, THE SICK PEOPLE WOULD HAVE NO ACCESS TO THIS. THESE  
10 JOBS TYPICALLY PAY LIVING WAGES. THEY ARE MANUFACTURING JOBS.  
11 THERE'S TENS OF THOUSANDS OF THEM BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE  
12 COUNTY. AND WE WOULD LIKE THIS TO BE RECOGNIZED AND BECOME A  
13 BIG PART OF THE WORKFORCE IN THIS AREA. WE BELIEVE IT'S A BIG  
14 ECONOMIC DRIVER THAT CAN HAPPEN TO SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THESE  
15 ARE ALL SMALL BUSINESSES. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO SEE A LARGE  
16 MINORITY BUSINESS COMPONENT REPRESENTED. WE FEEL THE LONGER  
17 THIS IS DELAYED, THE MORE LIKELY WALL STREET AND LARGE  
18 INTERESTS ARE GOING TO COME INTO OUR STATE AND TAKE OVER FROM  
19 THE SMALL FAMILY BUSINESSES THAT HAVE BEEN EXISTING. THANK  
20 YOU.

21  
22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

23  
24 **ANGELA VIESTI:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME'S ANGELA VIESTI. I'M A  
25 MEDICAL CANNABIS PATIENT WHO IS OPPOSED TO THE BAN ON



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1 CANNABIS. THE BAN WOULD FORCE PATIENTS TO GO TO THE ILLEGAL,  
2 UNREGULATED MARKET OR USE ALCOHOL TO RELIEVE SOME OF THEIR  
3 STRESSES AND PAINS, SUCH AS MINE. THE DEMAND FOR CANNABIS IN  
4 LOS ANGELES IS ALREADY HERE. IT'S NOT GOING TO GO AWAY.  
5 BANNING IT WOULD FORCE EVERYONE TO BASICALLY BE A CRIMINAL.  
6 ALL THE PATIENTS HERE WHO REALLY NEED THIS TO BETTER THEIR  
7 QUALITY OF LIFE, THEY WOULD ALL BE AFFECTED NEGATIVELY. I ALSO  
8 AM PURSUING A CAREER IN CANNABIS, WHICH HAS BEEN A VERY  
9 POSITIVE THING FOR ME. I WAS KIND OF IN A PLACE WHERE I WAS  
10 UNMOTIVATED IN MY LIFE AND THIS CHAS CHANGED IT FOR THE  
11 BETTER. NOW IF THIS BAN IS PUT IN PLACE, I WOULD HAVE TO  
12 TRAVEL TO OTHER COUNTIES OUTSIDE OF MY HOME IN ORDER TO  
13 OPERATE. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

16

17 **SARAH ARMSTRONG:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE BOARD. MY NAME IS  
18 SARAH ARMSTRONG. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRY AFFAIRS FOR  
19 AMERICANS FOR SAFE ACCESS. FOUNDED IN 2002, WE ARE A LARGE  
20 NATIONAL ORGANIZATION, THE ONLY ORGANIZATION SPECIFICALLY  
21 CONCENTRATING ON ADVOCATING FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA PATIENTS. WE  
22 HAVE HELPED HUNDREDS OF JURISDICTIONS LEGISLATE. WE ARE  
23 CONCERNED GOING FORWARD IN THE COUNTY THAT YOU HAVE INSTRUCTED  
24 YOUR DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT ON THE IMPACTS OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA  
25 BUT NOT THE BENEFITS. THIS HAS BEEN COUPLED WITH THE FACT THAT



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1   THERE HAS NOT BEEN PROVIDED FOR STAKEHOLDERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
2   COME FORWARD AND EDUCATE YOU ABOUT THEIR BUSINESSES. WHEN THEY  
3   DO SO, YOU WILL SEE THAT THESE BUSINESSES ARE HEAVILY  
4   FORTIFIED, VERY SAFE AND HAVE FIGURED OUT HOW TO DEAL WITH  
5   CASH AND OTHER PROBLEMS THAT THE COUNTY WILL HAVE TO ADDRESS  
6   AS THEY GO FORWARD. WE WOULD ASK THAT YOU WOULD HOLD OFF ON  
7   THE BAN AND INSTEAD OPEN UP THIS CONVERSATION TO STAKEHOLDERS  
8   AND INSTRUCT YOUR GROUP TO REPORT ON THE BENEFITS OF MARIJUANA  
9   AS WELL AS THE IMPACT IT WILL HAVE ON YOUR COMMUNITY. THANK  
10  YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME.

11

12  **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE RICHARD BELL. HEATHER DUNCAN.  
13  JOSH DRAYTON. BRUCE NUNEZ. ERIC PREVEN.

14

15  **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT  
16  AND I'M OPPOSED TO EXTENDING THE BAN. I WANT TO ADDRESS THE  
17  MORAL CONCERN, WHICH IS THAT BANNING OR CONTINUING TO BAN ON  
18  THIS KIND OF PRODUCT, IT WILL HURT PEOPLE. IT'S NOT A GOOD  
19  AREA OR GOOD IDEA. THE POLITICAL ISSUE BECAME VERY RELEVANT TO  
20  THIS BOARD SUDDENLY WHEN THE POSSIBILITY OF TAXATION AROSE.  
21  AND I'VE NOTED THE SEAT FORWARD FROM THIS BOARD WHEN THEY  
22  SENSED A POSSIBLE REVENUE PLAY. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT. BUT  
23  CULTURALLY SPEAKING, CRIMINALIZATION OF THIS PARTICULAR  
24  SUBSTANCE IS COMPLETELY OUT OF STEP WITH AMERICA, WITH 2016.  
25  IT'S JUST AN IDEATION THAT IS BEING CIRCULATED BY PEOPLE WHO



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1 ARE PROPONENTS OF AN IDEA, A KIND OF IDEA THAT IS NO LONGER  
2 RELEVANT. WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO TREAT PEOPLE WHERE THEY NEED  
3 TO BE TREATED. WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO REGULATE SENSIBLY. I JUST  
4 WANT TO SAY ONE THING ABOUT THE TAXATION. IF IT COMES TO A  
5 TAX, IT'S GOT TO BE A SMALL TAX, FOLKS. BECAUSE IF YOU DO A  
6 BIG TAX, YOU ARE GOING TO DRIVE YOUR BLACK MARKET, WHICH YOU  
7 DON'T WANT. WE WANT SENSIBLE STUFF FOR THE PEOPLE WHO NEED  
8 THIS SUBSTANCE. THANKS.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE?

11

12 **HEATHER DUNCAN:** MY NAME IS HEATHER DUNCAN, AND I AM A CANNABIS  
13 PATIENT SINCE 2003. I WAS DIAGNOSED WITH LEGG-PERTHES DISEASE  
14 AT AGE SEVEN, AND AS AN ADULT, DEGENERATIVE ARTHRITIS OF BOTH  
15 HIPS. MY CONDITION, THE WORD DEGENERATIVE IS VERY IMPORTANT.  
16 IT MEANS IT WILL CONTINUE TO GET WORSE. I'M A MOTHER AND MY  
17 HEALTH LONG TERM IS AT RISK IF I TAKE NARCOTICS,  
18 PHARMACEUTICALS THAT THE DOCTORS PROVIDE. I'M AT RISK OF  
19 ADDICTION AND MANY SIDE EFFECTS. THIS IS WHY I'VE CHOSEN TO  
20 TREAT MYSELF WITH NOTHING OTHER THAN CANNABIS FOR DAILY PAIN  
21 AND INFLAMMATION ALONG WITH ANXIETY. THAT COMES WITH DAILY  
22 TASKS. WITH CANNABIS, I CAN FUNCTION WITH NO SIDE EFFECTS WITH  
23 CANNABIS AND I CAN BE PRODUCTIVE. THIS BAN ON CANNABIS HAS  
24 TAKEN THE ABILITY TO GET MY MEDICINE AND I DON'T HAVE A  
25 SUBSTITUTE OR AN ALTERNATIVE. I'M HERE TODAY TO ASK YOU TO



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1 LIFT THE BAN AND ALLOW US TO HAVE SAFE ACCESS TO OUR MEDICINE.  
2 WITHOUT SAFE ACCESS, WE MUST RESORT TO BLACK MARKET AND AT MY  
3 AGE, THAT JUST ISN'T AN OPTION.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

6

7 **JOSH DRAYTON:** HI, I'M JOSH DRAYTON, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE  
8 CALIFORNIA CANNABIS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION. I'M GOING TO DO MY  
9 BEST TO ANSWER A COUPLE OF THE QUESTIONS THAT THE SUPERVISORS  
10 HAD EARLIER THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN ANSWERED IN A.U.M.A. AS  
11 WELL AS M.M.R.S.A A.U.M.A., IF IT PASSES IN NOVEMBER, INCLUDES  
12 A 15 PERCENT EXCISE TAX THAT IS ALREADY INCLUDED AND YOU DO  
13 NOT NEED TO RUN A SEPARATE TAX ON TOP OF THAT. M.M.R.S.A., YOU  
14 CAN GO AHEAD AND RUN A TAX ON THAT. AGAIN, WE WOULD RECOMMEND  
15 A LOW TAX TO MAKE SURE WE'RE NOT STRENGTHENING THE BLACK  
16 MARKET. WATER USAGE? THIS IS DEFINITELY BEEN A BIG TOPIC AT  
17 THE CAPITAL WITH THE GOVERNOR. AND YESTERDAY'S BUDGET THAT HE  
18 SIGNED, HE INCREASED THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR NATURAL  
19 RESOURCE OVERSIGHT. OUTDOOR CULTIVATION IN HUMBOLT COUNTY  
20 REQUIRES A WHOLE LIST OF OBJECTS THAT YOU NEED TO HAVE  
21 SPECIFIED, HAVE CERTIFIED. AND ONE OF THOSE IS YOUR WATER  
22 SOURCE. SO THOSE HAVE BEEN DEALT WITH. IF YOU WANT TO DECREASE  
23 THE BLACK MARKET, REGULATE. IF YOU WANT TO INCREASE PUBLIC  
24 SAFETY, REGULATE. IF YOU WANT TAX MONEY, REGULATE.

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

2

3    **BRUCE NUNEZ:** THANK YOU. HI MY NAME IS BRUCE. I'M A PATIENT FOR  
4    MEDICAL MARIJUANA. I AM AGAINST A BAN OF MEDICAL CANNABIS IN  
5    LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND SUPPORT REGULATION OF MANUFACTURING  
6    FOR MEDICAL CANNABIS. I HAD A TRAUMATIC ACCIDENT LAST YEAR  
7    WHERE I HAD A FUSION OF MY BACK, LOST HALF MY BACK. SHATTERED  
8    BOTH MY WRISTS. I WENT TO PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL. I WAS ON  
9    PSYCHIATRIC MEDS. I ALSO WENT THROUGH PAIN MEDS AND ALL THAT.  
10   AND I'VE BEEN ABLE TO GET OFF OF THAT BECAUSE OF THIS. AND I  
11   AM VERY GRATEFUL AND VERY BLESSED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.  
12   HAVE A GOOD DAY.

13

14   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SERIES OF SPEAKERS  
15   ARE DIANA CORTES. EDDIE WALDEN. RUDOLFO LUNA. ANGEL VALENTIN.  
16   KIJAI FURTAK GO AHEAD, SIR. JUST STATE YOUR NAME.

17

18   **EDDIE WALDEN:** EDWARD WALDEN. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M  
19   HERE TODAY, I'M A MEMBER OF P.C.O.L.A. BASICALLY I'M HERE  
20   TODAY JUST BECAUSE OF THE PATIENTS I'M REPRESENTING. WE'RE  
21   JUST HERE TO SEE IF YOU GUYS COULD STOP THE BAN BECAUSE  
22   PATIENTS DO NEED THEIR MEDICINES AND WE DON'T WANT TO GO TO  
23   THE BLACK MARKET BASICALLY. THANK YOU.

24

25   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?



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2 **KIJAI FURTAK:** MY NAME IS KIJAI FURTAK AND I JUST WANT TO GET  
3 TO A COUPLE POINTS THAT I WANTED TO DISCUSS WITH YOU GUYS.  
4 THIS BAN WILL ONLY PUT MONEY BACK INTO THE HANDS OF CRIMINALS  
5 MAKING THEM A LARGE PROFIT AND MORE ROOM FOR CRIMINAL  
6 ELEMENTS. HAVING A SAFE PLACE FOR OUR PATIENT TO OBTAIN THEIR  
7 MEDICINE WITHOUT HAVING TO RETURN TO THE BLACK MARKET ENABLES  
8 THEM TO MAKE SURE THEY GET THE RIGHT DOSAGE FOR THEIR  
9 MEDICINE. THEY KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THEY ARE GETTING AND IT WILL  
10 PROVIDE ALL THE HEALING PROPERTIES THAT THEY NEED. ALSO, IT  
11 WOULD EASE OUR SHERIFFS. INSTEAD OF PREPARING THEM FOR WAYS IN  
12 DISTURBING PEACE IN THE COMMUNITY, WE WILL BE ABLE TO WORK  
13 SIDE BY SIDE AND MAKE SURE EVERYONE WILL BE ABLE TO BE IN A  
14 SAFE ENVIRONMENT. PRESCRIPTION DRUGS ARE NOW THE NUMBER ONE  
15 KILLER. MARIJUANA, WE STILL HAVE NO OVERDOSE. THIS WILL ALSO  
16 CAUSE BUSINESS OWNERS AND PATIENTS TO LEAVE CALIFORNIA IF WE  
17 DO NOT CONTINUE AND FIND A SOLUTION FAST. AND AS WELL, I WOULD  
18 LIKE TO SAY THAT GENERALLY YOUTH SHOULD NOT HAVE ACCESS TO  
19 MEDICAL MARIJUANA. BUT KEEP IN MIND THAT THESE ARE THE SAME  
20 CHILDREN WHO ARE NOW BEING DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER AND MAY HAVE  
21 TO BENEFIT FROM C.B.D. AND T.H.C. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

24



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1   **ANGEL VALENTIN:** MY NAME IS ANGEL VALENTIN AND I'M HERE FROM  
2   P.C.O.L.A. AND I'M HERE TO ASK YOU GUYS IF YOU GUYS COULD LIFT  
3   THE BAN ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA. I DID SUFFER FROM DEPRESSION  
4   BEFORE AND I WAS ON THE MEDS WITH PROZAC. AND PROZAC SEEMED TO  
5   BE NOT HEADING ME IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION THAT I WANTED TO GO  
6   WITH LIFE. SO MEDICAL MARIJUANA HAS HELPED ME IN THAT WAY.  
7   THANK YOU.

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9   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WITNESS.

10

11   **RUDOLFO LUNA:** MY NAME IS RUDOLFO LUNA. I AM A MEDICAL  
12   MARIJUANA PATIENT AND A MEMBER OF P.C.O.L.A., PATIENTS'  
13   COALITIONS OF LOS ANGELES. WE'RE JUST HERE TO TRY TO KEEP THE  
14   SHOPS UP. UPLIFT THE BAN BECAUSE THE PATIENTS DO NEED THE  
15   MEDICINE. PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE ABLE TO GET  
16   MEDICINE ACCESS THEIR MEDICINE AND NOT BE FORCED TO THE BLACK  
17   MARKET. THANK YOU.

18

19   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE DIANA CORTEZ.  
20   DARRELL KRUSE. ARLES BENAVIDES. JOSEPH MAIZLISH. AND B.  
21   STEWART GORDON. GO AHEAD, SIR.

22

23   **DARRELL KRUSE:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS I AM DARRELL KRUSE. ON  
24   APRIL 12TH OF THIS YEAR, I TALKED TO SARAH STEEL OF COUNTY  
25   COUNSEL. WE DISCUSSED MY GROWING OPERATION IN CANYON COUNTRY.



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1 SARAH SAID I WAS NOT ALLOWED TO CONTINUE THE CANNABIS GROWING  
2 AND MANUFACTURING OPERATION THAT I TOLD YOU ABOUT IN 2006. SHE  
3 ALSO SAID I SHOULD GET OUT OF THE CANNABIS BUSINESS. I ASSUME  
4 THAT APPLIES TO EVERYONE BUT HAVE NOT SEEN ANY ENFORCEMENT OF  
5 THE BAN YOU ARE EXTENDING TODAY. HERE IS SOME ADVICE ON WHAT  
6 TO LOOK FOR. TO LOCATE DISTRIBUTORS AND TRANSPORTERS OF LARGE  
7 AMOUNTS OF CANNABIS AND CASH, JUST SIT OUTSIDE A DISPENSARY  
8 AND LOOK FOR A GUY WEARING A BACKPACK OR CARRYING A DUFFEL  
9 BAG. WHEN HE COMES IN, HE HAS LOTS OF PRODUCT. AND WHEN HE  
10 LEAVES, HE HAS LOTS OF CASH. CANNABIS CULTIVATORS CANNOT  
11 AFFORD PROPER AIR HANDLING OR SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS UNTIL THEY  
12 HAVE CERTAINTY AND CREDIBILITY OF A BUSINESS LICENSE. CANNABIS  
13 STINKS IF IT'S GOOD. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

16

17 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** HELLO. MY NAME'S JOE MAIZLISH. I WAS GOING TO  
18 MENTION THAT MR. KRUSE HAS BEEN HERE IN FEBRUARY, APRIL AND  
19 MAY. AND I WAS PLEASED TO SIT NEXT TO HIM AGAIN TODAY. AN OPEN  
20 BUSINESS. LET ME TELL YOU WHERE I THINK THIS LEGISLATION COMES  
21 FROM. THE BAN ON CULTIVATION. I'M TALKING ABOUT THE ISSUE  
22 BEFORE YOU TODAY. LAST YEAR, YOU, YOUR JUSTICE DEPUTIES AND I  
23 ATTENDED A MEETING, SAW A VIDEO OF THE FIRE SERVICE FROM A  
24 SITE OF-- A CAMP SITE WHERE THERE WERE PESTICIDE BAGS STREWN  
25 AROUND, WEAPONS. THESE ARE ROGUE OPERATORS. I DON'T THINK



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1    THEY'RE SUPPLYING THEIR MARIJUANA THAT THEY GREW THERE  
2    TEMPORARILY TO THE MEDICAL BUSINESS. BUT MAYBE THEY ARE. BUT  
3    IF THAT IS THE PROBLEM THAT YOU'RE AFTER, TO STOP MR. KRUSE  
4    WHO CAME HERE 10 YEARS AGO ASKING FOR REGULATION, THEN YOU'RE  
5    REALLY OVERSHOOTING IT. IT MUST BE PREJUDICE AGAINST THE  
6    SUBSTANCE OR SOMETHING OR OTHER IS REALLY STRANGE HERE. THIS  
7    IS YOUR GOVERNMENT'S MIND ON DRUGS, ON THE WAR ON DRUGS. THERE  
8    IS A WAY TO DO REGULATION AND TEMPORARY REGISTRATION. I'D LIKE  
9    TO SEE AN AMENDMENT. TEMPORARY REGISTRATION OF EXISTING  
10    BUSINESSES THAT ACCEPT--

11

12    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S UP. NEXT SPEAKER.

13

14    **ARLES BENAVIDES:** ARLES BENAVIDES WITH RETHINKING ACCESS TO  
15    MARIJUANA. I'M HERE TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT HEALTH CONCERNS  
16    AND HOW, AGAIN, INCREASING ACCESS INCREASES ALSO USE AMONGST  
17    YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY. WORKING WITH OUR COMMUNITY, WE HAVE  
18    SEEN CHILDREN AS YOUNG AS 12 THAT HAVE COME TO OUR PROGRAM  
19    BECAUSE OF MARIJUANA ACCESS, BECAUSE THEY HAVE GOTTEN IN  
20    TROUBLE AT SCHOOL, CAUGHT WITH MARIJUANA. CHILDREN AS YOUNG AS  
21    12, THEY ALREADY HAVE ACCESS IN THE SIXTH GRADE AND WE HAVE TO  
22    BE CONCERNED BECAUSE WHEN YOUNG CHILDREN USE MARIJUANA, 1 IN 4  
23    CAN BECOME ADDICTED. AND SO WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT INCREASING  
24    ACCESS IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND LET EVERYBODY KNOW THAT ALTHOUGH



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1   THERE MIGHT BE SOME MEDICAL BENEFITS TO MARIJUANA, THERE'S  
2   ALSO HARMS. THANK YOU.

3

4   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

5

6   **VI STEWART:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS VI STEWART. I'M A  
7   REGISTERED NURSE, WHICH MAKES ME A NATURAL PATIENT ADVOCATE.  
8   AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF MY DAUGHTER, WHICH MAKES ME A PARENT  
9   ADVOCATE. MY DAUGHTER SUFFERS FROM IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME,  
10   WHICH IS ABDOMINAL PAIN, IT'S DISCOMFORT. IT CAUSES CRAMPS,  
11   CONSTIPATION, DIARRHEA. ALSO WITH WOMEN IN HER AGE GROUP,  
12   SHE'S 28-YEAR-OLD, BEAUTIFUL WOMAN, IT'S MORE SEVERE WITH  
13   MENSTRUATION. THEY HAD ONE DRUG TO TREAT IT, AND THAT DRUG WAS  
14   TAKEN OFF THE MARKET IN 2000 AND PUT BACK ON IN 2002 WITH THE  
15   SAME ADVERSE SYMPTOMS. STILL, THE UNDERLYING CAUSE OF I.B.S.  
16   REMAINS UNKNOWN. SO ONLY THING THEY CAN DO NOW IS REALLY TREAT  
17   THE SYMPTOMS. AND FOR TREATING THE SYMPTOMS, THERE WAS JUST  
18   OVER THE COUNTER DRUGS THAT DIDN'T WORK FOR HER. THE ONLY  
19   THING THAT WORKED FOR HER IS MEDICAL MARIJUANA. SHE'S A  
20   BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY. I WANT HER TO GET HER MEDS IN A  
21   REGULATED CLEAN, SAFE ENVIRONMENT. NOT WHERE SHE HAS TO TAKE A  
22   CHANCE AND POSSIBLY GET CAUGHT UP IN A RAID, OR WHEN SHE GET  
23   READY TO LEAVE, THEY LOCK THE DOOR AND SHE CAN'T GET OUT. I'M  
24   HERE ON BEHALF OF PATIENT COALITION OF LOS ANGELES. I'M ASKING  
25   YOU TO LIFT THE BAN. TIME IS EVERYTHING, AS YOU KNOW. THE



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1 COUNTY NEEDS TO BE ON THE FOREFRONT TO GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
2 GET IT RIGHT, SO WE ASK YOU TO PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS  
3 OPPORTUNITY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE CAROLINA NOCETTI. EDDIE  
6 TORRES. TONY DEMARCO. DION ANDERSON. VIRGIL GRANT. ROBIN YU.

7

8 **CAROLINA NOCETTI:** I'M DR. NOCETTI. I'M A PHYSICIAN. I HAVE  
9 BEEN WORKING WITH MEDICAL CANNABIS FOR THREE YEARS. I'VE SEEN  
10 THIS PLANT SAVING LIVES. I'VE SEEN PATIENTS CHANGE COMPLETELY.  
11 WHOEVER SAYS THAT 25 PERCENT OF THE KIDS GET ADDICTED, IT'S  
12 NOT TRUE. MY QUESTION IS, WHO IS BENEFITING FROM THIS BAN? NOT  
13 MY PATIENTS. NOT THESE PEOPLE HERE THAT TAKE CANNABIS. PLEASE  
14 THINK WHO YOU ARE PROTECTING WITH THIS BAN. AND I WOULD LIKE  
15 YOU TO CONSIDER TAKING IT OUT, LIFTING THE BAN. THIS IS AN  
16 ACTUAL DRUG. IT'S PROVEN. PHYSICIANS, SCIENTISTS ARE BACKING  
17 THIS UP. I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY EVERYBODY ELSE IS NOT. PLEASE  
18 LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE THAT STUDIED THIS, NOT WHOEVER IS  
19 BENEFITING FROM IT. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

22

23 **TONY DEMARCO:** HELLO, MY NAME IS TONY DEMARCO I'M THE PRESIDENT  
24 OF THE WHITTIER BOULEVARD MERCHANT ASSOCIATION. I REPRESENT  
25 OVER 200 BUSINESSES ON WHITTIER BOULEVARD FROM THE 710 FREEWAY





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1 TO ATLANTIC BOULEVARD. I REPRESENT THE BUSINESS STAKEHOLDERS  
2 ON WHITTIER BOULEVARD IN EAST L.A. TODAY THERE IS AN ABUSIVE  
3 AMOUNT OF DISPENSARIES ON WHITTIER BOULEVARD AND THROUGHOUT  
4 EAST LOS ANGELES. I WAS JUST TOLD BY MY MANAGER TODAY IN MY  
5 BUSINESS THAT ON LEONARD STREET ALONE, LEONARD AND WHITTIER  
6 BOULEVARD, THERE ARE THREE ILLEGAL BUSINESSES, DISPENSARY  
7 BUSINESSES, IN ONE BLOCK. TWO MONTHS AGO IN CONSULTATION OR  
8 PARTNERING WITH CHAMBER OF EAST L.A., WE IDENTIFIED OVER 30 OF  
9 THESE ILLEGAL DISPENSARIES, GAVE THEM TO THE SHERIFF'S  
10 DEPARTMENT. SINCE TWO MONTHS AGO, THEY'VE CLOSED SEVEN OF THEM  
11 DOWN. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

14

15 **DONNIE ANDERSON:** MADAME CHAIR, HOW ARE YOU DOING THIS MORNING-  
16 - THIS AFTERNOON? MY NAME IS DONNIE ANDERSON. I'M THE CHAIR OF  
17 THE N.A.A.C.P. CANNABIS TASKFORCE. I'M HERE TO SPEAK ABOUT WE  
18 NEED TO LIFT THE BAN, BUT WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS REGULATION. WE  
19 DON'T NEED TO TURN AWAY THE MONEY THAT'S GOING COME TO THE  
20 CITY OR THE COUNTY TO FIX SOME OF OF THE ISSUES THAT STILL  
21 RESIDE. WE NEED TO DEAL WITH THIS MATTER AND WE DON'T NEED TO  
22 WAIT. I'M ONE OF THE GUYS THAT HELPED GOVERNOR BROWN WITH  
23 A.B.266 WITH THE TESTING. AND WHATEVER YOU GUYS NEED, WE'RE  
24 HERE TO HELP FIX THE PROBLEM. WE'RE NOT TRYING TO BE THE  
25 PROBLEM. WE'RE TRYING TO BE THE SOLUTION. SO I JUST WANT TO



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1 SAY THANK YOU. AND I COME, I'M BORN AND RAISED IN LOS ANGELES.  
2 ATTENDED ALL THE SCHOOLS AND NEED TO FIX THE PROBLEM AND WE  
3 NEED TO DEAL WITH THE LICENSES, WITH THE MINORITIES TO MAKE  
4 SURE WE KEEP THEM IN THE LOOP BECAUSE BIG BUSINESS IS COMING  
5 IN. WE'VE BEEN LEFT OUT OF A LOT OF INDUSTRIES. WE WILL NOT BE  
6 LEFT OUT OF THIS ONE. THANK YOU.

7

8 **EDDIE TORRES:** OKAY MY NAME IS EDDIE TORRES. I'M WITH THE EAST  
9 LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. ALSO RESIDENT OF EAST L.A. WE  
10 SUPPORT THE CONTINUANCE OF THE BAN AND ALSO REQUEST THAT THE  
11 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT CONTINUE CLOSING THE  
12 M.M.D.S, MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES IN EAST LOS ANGELES. WE GET  
13 REPORTS AGAIN AND AGAIN ON INDIVIDUALS BUYING MULTIPLE TIMES  
14 IN A COMMUNITY. WE DO RESEARCH ON IT. WE CALL THE SHERIFF'S  
15 DEPARTMENT. ALL THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ARE RUNNING ROUND.  
16 THAT'S ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE RESOURCES WE HAVE. AND WE  
17 THINK IT SHOULD BE DONE FOR THE RIGHT THINGS, NOT TO BE  
18 TRACKING PEOPLE DOWN THAT ARE BUYING MULTIPLE TIMES. ALSO WE  
19 SEE YOUNGSTERS SMOKING AND GETTING INTO CARS DRIVING. I HAVE  
20 ASTHMA, I HAVE TO WAIT TWO HOURS TO GET MY ASTHMA MEDICATION  
21 ALL THE TIME, EVERY MONTH. BUT WHEN I GO INTO M.M.D. I SEE  
22 PEOPLE EMPTY AND I SEE THEM OUTSIDE GETTING HIGH. WE DON'T  
23 NEED IT IN EAST L.A., WE DON'T WANT IT IN EAST L.A. TAKE IT  
24 OUT OF EAST L.A. THANK YOU VERY MUCH SUPERVISORS. WE NEED YOUR  
25 HELP. ONCE AGAIN, WE ARE DENSELY POPULATED. WE DO NOT NEED OUR



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1 RESOURCES TO BE DELETED WITH-- DILAPIDATED WITH THESE  
2 DISPENSARIES. THANK YOU. EDDIE TORRES, EAST L.A. CHAMBER OF  
3 COMMERCE.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

6

7 **VIRGIL GRANT:** HI, MY NAME IS VIRGIL GRANT. I OWN A COLLECTIVE  
8 IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES SINCE 2004. I'M ONE OF THE MEMBERS  
9 THAT SAT ON A PANEL TO HELP DRAFT OR CREATE THE I.C.O. FOR THE  
10 CITY OF LOS ANGELES. YOU SPEAK ABOUT THE, HOW DO WE TAX AND  
11 REGULATE THIS SITUATION? WELL, THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES HAS  
12 FIGURED IT OUT, THEY CHANGED OVER THE LICENSING FROM RETAIL  
13 SALES L.O.44 TO L.O.50, MEDICAL MARIJUANA COLLECTIVE. THIS IS  
14 HOW THEY IDENTIFY THE TAXATION OF THESE COLLECTIVES. AND THIS  
15 IS HOW THE COUNTY CAN RECEIVE THEIR MONEY AND IDENTIFY THE  
16 COLLECTIVES. WE DON'T HAVE TO REACH TO DENVER. WE HAVE IT  
17 HERE. WE FOUGHT THE FIGHT. THIS IS GROUND ZERO FOR MEDICAL  
18 CANNABIS IN THIS COUNTRY. WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE THE LEAD  
19 THAT WE HAVE STARTED IN THE VERY BEGINNING. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER?

22

23 **ROBIN YU:** MY NAME IS ROBIN YU AND I'M A MEMBER OF L.A.  
24 COUNTY'S PUBLIC HEALTH RETHINKING ACCESS TO MARIJUANA. I'M  
25 SPEAKING TODAY TO ADVOCATE FOR THE PROTECTION OF YOUTH FROM



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1 INCREASED ACCESS AND AVAILABILITY. I ALSO COMPLETED A COURSE,  
2 DRUGS IN THE BRAIN, AT U.C. BERKELEY IN FALL 2010. THERE HAVE  
3 BEEN EXTENSIVE STUDIES THAT SUGGEST MARIJUANA HAS SIGNIFICANT  
4 EFFECTS ON THE DEVELOPING ADOLESCENT BRAIN AND HUMAN BEHAVIOR.  
5 MEDICAL MARIJUANA IS A OBVIOUSLY A COMPLEX SUBJECT. NO ONE  
6 WANTS TO SEE THEIR LOVED ONES SUFFER NEEDLESSLY. THERE'S A  
7 GOOD CASE TO BE MADE THAT FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOULD FOCUS  
8 ITS LIMITED RESOURCES ON ESTABLISHED DRUG DISTRIBUTORS. THE  
9 F.D.A RULED THAT RAW MARIJUANA, WHICH CONTAINS HUNDREDS OF  
10 UNKNOWN COMPONENTS, DID NOT MEET ITS GENERAL STANDARDS OF  
11 SAFETY AND EFFICACY. AND THE DRUG FAILED AN EXHAUSTIVE EIGHT  
12 FACTOR SCIENTIFIC ANALYSIS THAT EXAMINED HUNDREDS OF STUDIES  
13 ON THE PLANT'S EFFECTS. THE F.D.A.'S POSITION HAS BEEN  
14 AFFIRMED BY INDEPENDENT SCIENTIFIC BODIES LIKE NATIONAL  
15 ACADEMIES OF SCIENCES INSTITUTE OF MEDICINE, WHICH DETERMINED  
16 THAT THERE IS LITTLE FUTURE IN SMOKED MARIJUANA AS A MEDICALLY  
17 APPROVED MEDICATION. THIS DOESN'T MEAN THAT MARIJUANA HAS NO  
18 MEDICINAL VALUE. WE DON'T SMOKE OPIUM TO REAP THE BENEFITS OF  
19 MORPHINE AND SMOKED MARIJUANA IS NOT MEDICINE AND IS NOT BASED  
20 ON SCIENCE. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. OUR LAST SPEAKER IS JIMMY  
23 DIAMOND. GO AHEAD, SIR.

24



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1 **JIMMY DIAMOND:** HELLO, JIMMY DIAMOND. I REGISTER VOTERS. I  
2 COLLECT SIGNATURES. I REPRESENT THE PATIENT GOING TO THE  
3 DISPENSARY AND THE PERSON, THE POLICE OFFICER STANDS OVER THEM  
4 AS THEY TELL THEM THEY'RE JUST DOING THEIR JOB. THE MAJORITY  
5 OF PEOPLE SUPPORT CANNABIS, REGARDLESS OF NOVEMBER OUTCOME.  
6 MOST PEOPLE DO NOT AGREE WITH THE WRITING OF A.U.M.A. BUT  
7 AGREE WITH LEGALIZING CANNABIS AND HEMP. SO PLEASE DON'T THINK  
8 IF THE VOTERS DON'T FALL FOR A.U.M.A. THAT THEY DON'T NEED OR  
9 SUPPORT CANNABIS. MEDICAL MARIJUANA OPENED THE DOOR FOR  
10 LEGALIZATION. WHY ARE YOU IN THE WAY? THIS IS MEDICINE OR NOT?  
11 THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I MOVE WE CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AT THIS TIME SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES  
16 THAT WE CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND MOVE THE ITEM. WITHOUT  
17 OBJECTION. SO LET'S CALL THE ROLL.

18

19 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON THE ORDINANCE. SUPERVISOR  
20 RIDLEY-THOMAS? SUPERVISOR KUEHL? SUPERVISOR KNABE?

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

23

24 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

2

3    **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

4

5    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE.

6

7    **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THE ORDINANCE CARRIES.

8

9    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT'S FOUR YES AND ONE NO. AND WITH  
10    THAT, AS INSTRUCTED, AS AMENDED, DIRECTED BY THE BOARD WITH  
11    THAT REPORT BACK FROM COUNTY COUNSEL TO GIVE US THE DETAILS SO  
12    WE CAN BE BETTER PREPARED BEFORE THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS AND  
13    WHAT HAVE YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. I'D LIKE TO  
14    THANK ALL THE AUDIENCE, EVERYONE, FOR COMING AND  
15    PARTICIPATING. VERY GOOD TESTIMONY GIVEN TODAY. AND WE WILL  
16    TAKE THAT INTO CONSIDERATION AS WE MOVE ALONG. THANK YOU VERY  
17    MUCH.

18

19    **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, AGENDA ITEM NO. 1 IS  
20    A HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF PETITION NO.S 15-412 THIRD AVENUE,  
21    AVOCADO HEIGHTS. 41-614 LOS MOLINO STREET, HACIENDA HEIGHTS,  
22    75-1113 GRAYDON AVENUE, MONROVIA TO COUNTY LIGHTING  
23    MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT  
24    LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT-1 UNINCORPORATED ZONE. THERE IS A  
25    DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT. NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. VERY GOOD.

3

4 **JAMES CHON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
5 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JAMES CHON AND I AM THE HEAD  
6 OF STREET LIGHTING SECTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.  
7 I AM FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION TO  
8 COUNTY LIGHTING AND MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY  
9 LIGHTING DISTRICT L.L.A.-1 UNINCORPORATED ZONE AND THE LEVYING  
10 AND COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE AREAS IDENTIFIED IN THE  
11 BOARD LETTER. IN MY OPINION, THE PROPOSED AREAS WILL BE  
12 BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION AND THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED AND  
13 THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS HAVE BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO  
14 BENEFIT. WE ARE ALSO RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ACCEPT THE  
15 NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FOR THE NONEXEMPT  
16 TAXING AGENCIES.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY QUESTIONS FROM THE  
19 BOARD AT THIS TIME? OKAY. WE HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT. WE HAVE ROSE  
20 KELSO ARNOLD SACHS AND SCOTT FOSTER. GO AHEAD AND STATE YOUR  
21 NAME, NAME.

22

23 **ROSE KELSO:** MY NAME IS ROSE KELSO. I AM IN FAVOR OF THE  
24 STREETLIGHTS. I'M THE PETITIONER. I'VE GOT TO SAY, OUR LITTLE  
25 AREA THAT WE HAVE NO LIGHTS. JUST THAT SMALL LITTLE SECTION.





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1 THE REST OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD HAS LIGHTS. IT'S EXTREMELY DARK.  
2 I FEAR FOR MY SAFETY, NOT ONLY FOR MYSELF, MY FAMILY AND OUR  
3 NEIGHBORS. AND I'VE GOT SAY IT'S FRIGHTFUL WHEN MY LADY  
4 FRIENDS COME OVER AND THEY LEAVE IN THE EVENINGS AND IT'S  
5 VERY, VERY DARK. AND IT'S SCARY. IT'S VERY SCARY. SO I AM IN  
6 FAVOR FOR THE PETITION.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES?

9

10 **SCOTT FOSTER:** MY NAME'S SCOTT FOSTER. I'VE LIVED IN THE AREA  
11 SINCE I WAS 10 YEARS OLD. OUR RURAL STREET HAS NO  
12 STREETLIGHTS. IT'S GOT LIGHTS ON THE FRONTS OF MOST OF THE  
13 HOUSES THAT PEOPLE CAN TURN ON. I'M MARRIED. MY WIFE FEELS  
14 SAFE. I'VE SPOKEN WITH MOST OF THE NEIGHBORS. THEY DON'T HAVE  
15 A PROBLEM WITH NOT HAVING THE STREETLIGHTS. THEY ACTUALLY LIKE  
16 THE RURAL, CLEAN LOOK AND FEELING OF THE AREA. THERE HASN'T  
17 BEEN ANY CRIME. IT'S A CUL-DE-SAC. STATISTICALLY, CUL-DE-SACS  
18 ARE THE LEAST LIKELY HOMES TO BE ROBBED BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT ON  
19 THE CORNER AND THERE IS ONE WAY IN, ONE WAY OUT. THERE IS  
20 ACTUALLY AN OFFICER THAT LIVES TWO DOORS DOWN FROM US WHICH  
21 SHOULD MAKE EVERYBODY FEEL A LOT SAFER. I'M DEFINITELY OPPOSED  
22 TO IT BECAUSE MY BEDROOM FACES THE STREET AS-- MY MASTER  
23 BEDROOM AS WELL AS OTHER BEDROOMS THAT ARE MASTER BEDROOMS ON  
24 THE STREET BECAUSE THEY'RE ALL CUSTOM HOMES. AND I KNOW FOR A  
25 FACT THAT THAT LIGHT'S GOING TO BE SHINING IN MY BEDROOM



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1 WINDOW AS WELL AS TWO OTHER BEDROOM WINDOWS THAT ARE GOING TO  
2 PUT THE LIGHT PRACTICALLY RIGHT IN FRONT OF THEIR HOUSE. I'M  
3 DONE.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. ARNOLD SACHS?

6

7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES. THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING-- GOOD AFTERNOON.  
8 ARNOLD SACHS. ON THIS ITEM, I LOOKED AT THE LANGUAGE AND I'M  
9 TAKING QUESTIONABLE LANGUAGE HERE. ADOPT THE JOINT RESOLUTIONS  
10 BETWEEN THE BOARD AND OTHER TAXING AGENCIES APPROVING AND  
11 ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES  
12 RESULTING FROM THE ANNEXATION OF THESE TERRITORIES. SO WHEN  
13 YOU'RE ANNEXING THESE TERRITORIES INTO THE COUNTY OF LOS  
14 ANGELES, ARE YOU ANNEXING THESE TERRITORIES JUST INTO THE  
15 LIGHTING DISTRICT ITSELF? SO THEY'RE OUTSIDE THE LIGHTING  
16 DISTRICT,. WHO WOULD GET THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUES PRIOR TO  
17 THEM BECOMING PART OF THE LIGHTING DISTRICT? I'M REFERRING TO  
18 THIS. AND AGAIN BACK TO THE MOTION MADE BY MR. ANTONOVICH BACK  
19 IN JANUARY 2016 REGARDING THE HIDDEN CREEKS PROJECT, THAT WAS  
20 UNDER THE LOS ANGELES CITY SPHERE OF INFLUENCE. AND THAT  
21 PROPERTY GETS ANNEXED INTO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES FROM THE  
22 COUNTY. AND THE COUNTY LOSES THAT PROPERTY TAX REVENUE. SO  
23 DOES THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE THAT IS TALKED ABOUT IN THIS  
24 ITEM REALLY DOESN'T GET LOST FROM ONE TO THE OTHER. WHERE  
25 DOES-- HOW IS THAT COMPENSATION HANDLED? BECAUSE IT'S COUNTY



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1 PROPERTY THAT GOES INTO ANOTHER LIGHTING DISTRICT. SO HOW DOES  
2 THE LIGHTING DISTRICT THAT LOST THAT PROPERTY TAX REVENUE, HOW  
3 DOES THE DISTRICT THAT LOST THAT PROPERTY TAX REVENUE  
4 RECUPERATE THE FUNDS, KEEP OPERATING? BECAUSE THEIR LOSS IS TO  
5 THE COUNTY. IT'S A COUNTY CHANGING HANDS FROM THE LEFT HAND TO  
6 THE RIGHT HAND. I KNOW A LOT OF TIMES THE COUNTY HAS NO IDEA  
7 WHAT'S GOING ON BETWEEN THE LEFT HAND AND THE RIGHT HAND, BUT  
8 THIS INVOLVES FUNDING AND YOU'RE ALWAYS INTERESTED IN MORE  
9 MONEY. SO I WAS JUST LOOKING AT THAT KIND OF LANGUAGE IN THIS  
10 ITEM ON THIS HEARING.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY.

13

14 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
15 BOARD, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME TO CONTINUE THE  
16 PETITION NUMBER 39-613, LA CRESCENTA AVENUE, AS PER THE  
17 REQUEST OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS TO JULY 26, 2016, AND  
18 TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING, DIRECT THE TABULATION OF BALLOTS  
19 AND TABLE THE ITEM UNTIL LATER IN THE MEETING FOR TABULATION  
20 RESULTS AND ACTION BY YOUR BOARD.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** SO MOVED.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AT THIS TIME SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES  
25 TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND WE WILL TABLE THE ITEM.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** TABLE THE ITEMS AND THEN CONTINUE THE LA CRESCENTA  
3 ITEM.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

6

7 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PUBLIC HEARING NO. 2 THIS IS A  
8 HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF PETITION NO. 71-1113, DAILEY STREET,  
9 HACIENDA HEIGHTS, 7-114, COURSE AVENUE, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, 75-  
10 1014, QUIST AVENUE, HACIENDA HEIGHTS, 19-315 LOS ROBLES  
11 AVENUE, HACIENDA HEIGHTS. 46-614 BERNARDINO AVENUE, LOS NIETOS  
12 TO COUNTY LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY  
13 LIGHTING DISTRICT LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING DASH 1,  
14 UNINCORPORATED ZONE. THERE IS A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT AND NO  
15 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. PROCEED.

18

19 **JAMES CHON:** MY NAME IS JAMES CHON AND I AM THE HEAD OF STREET  
20 LIGHTING SECTION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM  
21 FAMILIAR WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ANNEXATION TO COUNTY  
22 LIGHTING MAINTENANCE DISTRICT 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING  
23 DISTRICT L.L.A.-1, UNINCORPORATED ZONE AND THE LEVYING AND  
24 COLLECTION OF ASSESSMENTS FOR THE AREAS IDENTIFIED IN THE  
25 BOARD LETTER. IN MY OPINION, THE PROPOSED AREAS WILL BE



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1 BENEFITED BY THE ANNEXATION AND THE SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED AND  
2 THE PROPOSED ASSESSMENTS HAVING BEEN SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO  
3 BENEFIT. WE'RE ALSO RECOMMENDING THAT YOUR BOARD ACCEPT  
4 NEGOTIATED EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES FOR THE NONEXEMPT  
5 TAXING AGENCIES.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

8

9 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
10 BOARD, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME TO CLOSE THE  
11 PUBLIC HEARING, DIRECT THE TABULATION OF BALLOTS AND TABLE THE  
12 ITEM UNTIL LATER IN THE MEETING FOR TABULATION RESULTS AND  
13 ACTION BY YOUR BOARD.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** SO MOVED.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES THAT WE CLOSE  
18 THE PUBLIC HEARING AND WE TABLE THIS ITEM TO GET BACK THE  
19 RESULTS.

20

21 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** PUBLIC HEARING NO. 4. THIS IS THE  
22 HEARING ON THE ANNEXATION OF 25 PARCELS TO THE CONSOLIDATED  
23 SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT WITHIN VARIOUS UNINCORPORATED  
24 TERRITORIES OF ALTADENA, AVOCADO HEIGHTS, CASTAIC AND  
25 CHATSWORTH AND THE CITIES OF AGOURA HILLS, BALDWIN PARK,



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1 DIAMOND BAR, GLENDORA, HIDDEN HILLS, SAN DIMAS, SANTA CLARITA,  
2 SANTA FE SPRINGS, SOUTH EL MONTE AND WESTLAKE VILLAGE, TO BE  
3 EFFECTIVE IN FISCAL YEAR 2017/'18. THERE IS A DEPARTMENTAL  
4 STATEMENT AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PROCEED.

7

8 **NICHOLAS AGBOBU:** MY NAME IS NICHOLAS AGBOBU. I'M A SENIOR  
9 CIVIL ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM  
10 FAMILIAR WITH THIS PROCEEDING FOR THE ANNEXATION TO THE  
11 CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT OF AND LEVYING OF  
12 SEWER SERVICE CHARGES FOR THE 25 PARCELS IDENTIFIED IN THE  
13 BOARD LETTER WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED  
14 COMMUNITIES OF ALTADENA, AVOCADO HEIGHTS, CASTAIC, AND  
15 CHATSWORTH AND IN THE CITIES OF AGOURA HILLS, BALDWIN PARK,  
16 DIAMOND BAR, GLENDORA, HIDDEN HILLS, SAN DIMAS, SANTA CLARITA,  
17 SANTA FE SPRINGS, SOUTH EL MONTE AND WESTLAKE VILLAGE. THE  
18 INVOLVED CITIES HAVE GRANTED A CONSENT AND JURISDICTION. IN MY  
19 OPINION, ALL OF THE 25 PARCELS WILL BE BENEFITED BY THE  
20 ANNEXATION TO THE DISTRICT AND BY THE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED.  
21 IN MY OPINION, THE SEWER SERVICE CHARGES HAVE BEEN FAIRLY  
22 IMPOSED

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE DO HAVE PUBLIC COMMENT.  
25 LARRY MITCHELL. ARNOLD SACHS.



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**LARRY MITCHELL:** GOOD AFTERNOON TO THE BOARD. MY NAME IS LARRY MITCHELL. I'M A HOMEOWNER. I'VE LIVED IN SANTA CLARITA FOR ALMOST 30 YEARS. AND MY CONCERN IS THE PARCEL IN SANTA CLARITA, PARCELS 8 THROUGH 16. I'VE OWNED A HOME ON THAT PIECE OF PROPERTY FOR THE LAST 30 YEARS. AND MY MOTHER LIVES THERE WITH ME ALONG WITH MY YOUNG GRANDDAUGHTER AND MY WIFE AND I JUST HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE ANNEXATION OF THE PARCEL BECAUSE ONE THING COULD LEAD TO ANOTHER. YOU ANNEX IT FOR SEWER CHARGES RIGHT NOW, THE NEXT THING YOU KNOW IT MIGHT BE ANNEXED FOR SOMETHING ELSE. SO I AM OPPOSED TO IT BECAUSE I LIVE THERE.

13

**SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SIR. ARNOLD SACHS?

15

**ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. I ONLY WAS INTERESTED IN THE PORTION OF THIS ITEM THAT REFERS TO SOME OF THE AREAS, HIDDEN HILLS, WESTLAKE VILLAGE, SANTA CLARITA AND HOW CLOSE THEY ARE IN LOCATION TO THE IMPACTED AREA OF ALISO CANYON. AND IF THEY ARE-- BECAUSE ACCORDING TO THE NEWSPAPER REPORTS, THE GAS STORAGE FACILITY IS TWO MILES LONG. AND THAT WOULD MEAN THAT IT WOULD HAVE A CIRCUMFERENCE TO COVER AN AREA OF 3.14 MILES. SO I WAS JUST WONDERING IF ANY OF THESE CITIES THAT WERE LISTED, FOOTHILLS, SAN DIMAS OR





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1 WESTLAKE VILLAGE, WOULD BE IMPACTED FROM THE ALISO CANYON  
2 FIASCO? THAT'S ALL.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CLOSE THE PUBLIC SPEAKERS.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE ISSUE RELATIVE TO SANTA CLARITA IS JUST A  
7 SEWAGE ISSUE. SO ANNEXATION OF THE SEWAGE SYSTEM. IT'S NOT A  
8 DEVELOPMENT.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAD ONE MORE SPEAKER, I BELIEVE.  
11 RICHARD RODRIGUEZ? GO AHEAD, SIR.

12

13 **RICHARD RODRIGUEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE  
14 BOARD. MY NAME IS RICHARD RODRIGUEZ. I WORKED FOR THE LOS  
15 ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT FOR 27 YEARS. NOTICE I  
16 SAID WORKED, AS IN PAST TENSE. THE REASON THAT THIS DEPARTMENT  
17 THAT I SERVED FOR 27 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE HAS DECIDED TO  
18 DISCARD ME LIKE YESTERDAY'S NEWSPAPER.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ARE YOU SPEAKING ON THE ITEM BEFORE  
21 US? THIS IS THE PUBLIC HEARING ON CONSOLIDATED SEWER  
22 MAINTENANCE.

23

24 **RICHARD RODRIGUEZ:** NO IT'S NOT.

25



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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'LL CALL YOU BACK UP ON PUBLIC  
2   COMMENT. I'M SORRY. IT WAS A MISTAKE. I APOLOGIZE. OKAY. WITH  
3   THAT?

4

5   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
6   BOARD, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTEST  
7   EXISTS AGAINST THE ANNEXATION OF 25 PARCEL TO THE CONSOLIDATED  
8   SEWER MAINTENANCE DISTRICT PARCEL NUMBERS 7 TO 14, 1 THROUGH  
9   16 THROUGH 12 THROUGH 16. AND 201-116 THROUGH 212-16. AS A  
10   RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO CLOSE THE  
11   PUBLIC HEARING, ADOPT THE PROPERTY TAX TRANSFER RESOLUTION,  
12   AUTHORIZE THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CONSOLIDATED SEWER MAINTENANCE  
13   DISTRICT BE ALTERED TO INCLUDE SUCH BENEFITED PARCELS, AND  
14   ORDER LEVYING OF SEWER SERVICE CHARGES WITHIN THE ANNEXED  
15   PARCELS BE EFFECTIVE IN FISCAL YEAR 2017-'18.

16

17   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AT THIS TIME, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
18   MOVES TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND MOVES THE ITEM. WITHOUT  
19   OBJECTION.

20

21   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM NO. 5, THIS IS THE HEARING  
22   ON THE ANNUAL GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FEE  
23   REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-'17. FOR THE ATHENS-WOODCREST-  
24   OLIVIDA, BELVEDERE, FIRESTONE, LENNOX, MALIBU, MESA HEIGHTS



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1 AND WALNUT PARK GARBAGE DISPOSAL DISTRICTS. THERE IS A  
2 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT. NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PROCEED.

5

6 **STEVEN MILEWSKI:** MY NAME IS STEVE MILEWSKI. I'M A SENIOR CIVIL  
7 ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR  
8 WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE CONTINUED COLLECTIONS OF  
9 GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FEES AT THEIR CURRENT  
10 LEVELS ON THE TAX ROLL DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 2016/2017 FOR  
11 THE ATHENS- WOODCREST-OLIVIDA, BELVEDERE, FIRESTONE, LENNOX,  
12 MALIBU, MESA HEIGHTS AND WALNUT PARK GARBAGE DISPOSAL  
13 DISTRICTS. THE ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE GARBAGE COLLECTION AND  
14 DISPOSAL SERVICE FEE WAS PREPARED IN MY OFFICE AND UNDER MY  
15 DIRECTION. IN MY OPINION, IT IS NECESSARY AND IN THE PUBLIC  
16 INTEREST TO CONTINUE TO COLLECT THE SERVICE FEES ON THE TAX  
17 ROLL BECAUSE IT PROVIDES THE MOST ORDERLY COLLECTION OF SUCH  
18 CHARGES FROM THE AFFECTED PROPERTY OWNERS. IN MY OPINION, THE  
19 PROPOSED GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FEES CONTINUE  
20 TO BE FAIRLY IMPOSED. WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED ANY PROTESTS TO THE  
21 ANNUAL REPORTS TO THE CONTINUED COLLECTION OF THE SERVICE FEES  
22 ON THE TAX ROLL. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE DO HAVE SEVERAL SPEAKERS. ERIC  
25 PREVEN. ARNOLD SACHS. TONY DEMARCO. EDDIE TORRES.



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1  
2 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD  
3 DISTRICT AND THIS IS ITEM 5, THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ANNUAL  
4 GARBAGE COLLECTION DISPOSAL FEE REPORT. THIS IS VERY  
5 INTERESTING. VERY, VERY INTERESTING ITEM BECAUSE IT MAPS OUT  
6 THE COMMUNITIES IN THE REALLY NICE MAPS IN THE ITEM THAT SHOW  
7 WHERE THE SERVICE CHARGES ARE COMING FROM AND SPECIFICALLY THE  
8 NUMBER OF REFUSE UNITS BECAUSE THAT'S HOW IT'S DONE. A  
9 RESIDENCE HAS A CERTAIN REFUSE UNIT TO IT, I THINK IT'S ONE OR  
10 HALF A UNIT. AND TEN, FOR EXAMPLE, A HOTEL OR MORTUARY WOULD  
11 HAVE A LARGER NUMBER OF REFUSE UNITS. THESE ARE ALL  
12 PROGRAMMATIC. THE NEIGHBORHOODS LOOKING AT HERE INCLUDE  
13 ATHENS-WOODCREST-OLIVIDA, BELVEDERE, FIRESTONE, LENNOX,  
14 MALIBU, MESA HEIGHTS AND WALNUT PARK. NOW, I'M PRETTY SURE  
15 THAT THERE ARE NO INCREASES, IF I HAVE THAT CORRECT. MALIBU,  
16 THE CHARGE, THE REFUSE UNIT CHARGE, IS \$180. SO, IT'S LOWER  
17 THAN SOME OF THE OTHER COMMUNITIES, WHICH CAUGHT ME A LITTLE  
18 BIT OFF GUARD BECAUSE I KNOW SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND I BOTH KNOW  
19 THAT MALIBU IS ENJOYING A FAIRLY ROBUST POPULATION OF FOLKS.  
20 BUT I GUESS IT'S NOT DONE-- IT HAS TO BE DONE FAIRLY AND  
21 EVENLY, BASED ON SQUARE FOOTAGE AND SUCH, SO THAT'S HOW IT'S  
22 DONE. ONE COMMENT JUST ABOUT THE WAY WE MANAGE ALL THIS STUFF.  
23 A LITTLE SHOUT OUT TO THE LAW FIRM, LEWIS, BRISBOIS, BISGAARD  
24 AND SMITH. THIS IS A FIRM, AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, NOT SUPERVISOR  
25 SOLIS, THE FIRM THAT HIRED RICHARD VOLPERT, THAT WAS MUNGER



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1 TOLLES. AND BY THE WAY, ITEM 25 FOR SOME REASON, YOU PUSHED  
2 THROUGH EVEN THOUGH YOU HELD THE ITEM. HOPEFULLY YOU'LL PUT IT  
3 BACK ON THE AGENDA SO I CAN GET THERE. BUT LEWIS, BRISBOIS,  
4 BISGAARD AND SMITH, THESE GUYS DO A FANTASTIC JOB OVER AT THE  
5 SANITATION DISTRICT, THAT MAYOR ANTONOVICH IS AWARE OF. THESE  
6 GUYS HELP WITH-- THEY ARE CHEERFUL HELPERS. I BELIEVE THEY DO  
7 A VERY, VERY THOROUGH JOB, AS SUPERVISOR KNABE WILL CONFIRM,  
8 AT HELPING OUT WITH MANAGING OUR SANITATION AND GARBAGE  
9 DISPOSAL. THANK YOU.

10

11 **TONY DEMARCO:** HELLO. TONY DEMARCO AGAIN. PRESIDENT OF THE  
12 WHITTIER BOULEVARD MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION. AS YOU KNOW OR MAY  
13 NOT KNOW, THIS CONTRACT WAS APPROVED BY THIS BOARD IN 2007.  
14 THIS IS THE TRASH CONTRACT. THERE'S A LOT THAT THE SUPERVISORS  
15 DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THIS CONTRACT, ESPECIALLY WITH  
16 THE BUSINESS AND THE MULTI UNITS. NOT THE RESIDENTIAL,  
17 RESIDENTIALS BEING SERVICED. THE BUSINESSES ARE NOT BEING  
18 SERVICED. AND I'M IN THE BELVEDERE SERVICE DISTRICT. THEY ARE  
19 NOT BEING SERVICED IN BELVEDERE, THE MAJORITY OF THEM. THERE  
20 IS LOTS OF CONFUSION, OKAY. THESE UNITS THAT THE LAST SPEAKER  
21 JUST SPOKE OF, BUSINESS OWNERS DO NOT UNDERSTAND THEM. WHAT  
22 HAPPENS IS IF MY BUSINESS IS ALLOCATED 1.5 UNITS. CONSOLIDATED  
23 SELLS THEM A 2-YARD BIN AND CHARGES THEM. THEY DO NOT KNOW  
24 THAT THEY GET 1.5 UNITS FOR FREE. THEY DO NOT KNOW TO ASK FOR  
25 A 1.5 UNIT BIN. I WAS JUST HANDED BY, I BELIEVE SUPERVISOR



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1 SOLIS, YOUR STAFF, AN AMENDMENT, OKAY. WHAT I'M ASKING THE  
2 BOARD IS TO LOOK INTO WHAT I'M JUST TELLING YOU. JUST LOOK  
3 INTO THE FACT THAT MY ESTIMATION, JUST IN BELVEDERE, THERE ARE  
4 1,500 BUSINESSES, PARCELS, THAT ARE NOT-- THEY'RE EITHER  
5 GETTING OVERCHARGED OR THEY-- AND I KNOW THIS FOR A FACT ON  
6 WHITTIER BOULEVARD-- THEY ARE USING A SECONDARY TRASH HAULER  
7 BECAUSE THEY DO NOT KNOW THAT THIS IS MY TAX ROLL BECAUSE I  
8 OWN MY PARCEL. THEY DO NOT KNOW THAT THEY ARE BEING CHARGED,  
9 I'M BEING CHARGED \$768 FOR BELVEDERE GARBAGE. THEY DO NOT KNOW  
10 THIS. THEY DO NOT KNOW WHAT IT MEANS.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** THE EAST LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DEFERS ITS  
13 TWO MINUTES TO TONY DEMARCO TO CONTINUE HIS STATEMENTS.

14

15 **TONY DEMARCO:** SO THE AMENDMENT THAT I WAS HANDED JUST A FEW  
16 MINUTES AGO DIRECTED DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO OUTREACH.  
17 WE WANT TO BE INVOLVED WITH THIS. WE WANT TO BE INVOLVED. THE  
18 BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS WANT TO HELP PUBLIC WORKS. IT ACTUALLY  
19 SHOULD BE CONSOLIDATED BECAUSE YOU GUYS ARE COLLECTING OUR  
20 MONEY AND PAYING THEM. BUT WE WILL WORK WITH ANYBODY. WE WANT--  
21 - I WANT TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM FOR THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY IN  
22 EAST LOS ANGELES. I DO NOT KNOW IF THIS IS A PROBLEM IN THESE  
23 OTHER TRASH DISTRICTS. I KNOW IT'S A HUGE PROBLEM IN THE  
24 BELVEDERE TRASH DISTRICT. THERE'S JUST A LOT OF INFORMATION.  
25 WE DO GET THESE. IT'S JUST THAT THEY'RE POORLY WRITTEN. AND



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1    THEY'RE NOT-- THEY DON'T EXPLAIN WELL ENOUGH THE UNITS. THE  
2    FACT THAT PEOPLE GET ASSESSED A TAX FOR THEIR GARBAGE. WHAT  
3    DOES THAT MEAN? AND ON TOP OF IT, WHEN THAT EXAMPLE I GAVE YOU  
4    ABOUT THE TWO-YARD BIN, ONCE THEY GET A BILL FOR THAT, JUST  
5    THAT HALF UNIT, THEY ARE ALSO GETTING CHARGED FOR THESE FEES,  
6    THESE ENVIRONMENTAL FEES. WELL THE CONTRACT, YOUR CONTRACT  
7    SAYS THAT WE GET TRASH SERVICE FOR FREE BECAUSE WE PAY FOR IT  
8    ON HERE. SO, PLEASE, I IMPORE YOU TO LOOK INTO THIS. THE  
9    BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS IN EAST LOS ANGELES WOULD LOVE TO WORK  
10    WITH PUBLIC WORKS, CONSOLIDATED TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM FOR THE  
11    BUSINESSES AND MULTI-FAMILY IN EAST LOS ANGELES. THANK YOU  
12    VERY MUCH.

13

14    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

15

16    **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.  
17    I'M GOING TO PIGGYBACK ON WHAT THE GENTLEMAN JUST TALKED  
18    ABOUT, ESSENTIALLY THAT UNINCORPORATED AREA. YOU COLLECT MONEY  
19    AND YOU PAY THE TRASH COMPANIES. PEOPLE ARE ASSESSED A TAX.  
20    HAVE TO PAY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES. YOU MENTIONED 2007. SO  
21    LET ME BRING UP THE ITEM FROM YOUR BOARD BACK IN 2006, WHEN  
22    THE SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL EXPANDED FROM 6,000 TONS A DAY,  
23    36,000 TONS A WEEK, TO 12,100 TONS A DAY, 66,000 TONS A WEEK.  
24    AND THE QUESTION AROSE I BELIEVE BECAUSE I ASKED IT, WHAT  
25    HAPPENED TO THE 6,600 TONS? THIS 12,100 TIMES 6 SHOULD BE





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1 72.6. SO YOU'RE MISSING 6,600 TONS. BUT PEOPLE ARE ASSESSED  
2 THE TAX TO PAY FOR THAT TO BE PICKED UP. BUT THE TRASH PEOPLE  
3 WHO PICK THE TRASH UP WHEN THEY GO TO THE LANDFILL DON'T PAY  
4 FOR THAT. SO YOU DO THAT MATH, YOU'LL FIND OUT THAT'S FIVE  
5 YEARS, 365 DAYS A YEAR, OF FREE TRASH DISPOSAL FOR THE TRASH  
6 COMPANIES THAT PEOPLE ARE PAYING FOR. SOMEBODY MENTIONED \$160  
7 A HOUSE FOR MALIBU. THAT'S A LOT OF MONEY. COMPANIES DON'T PAY  
8 THAT WHEN THEY GET TO THE TRASH, SUNSHINE CANYON. AND OH AND  
9 BY THE WAY, A PERSON CAME OUT AND EXPLAINED THE DIFFERENCE,  
10 SAID IT WAS FOR DIRT, WHICH IS ALSO A LOT OF DIRT. BUT WHEN IT  
11 WAS 6,000 TONS, THERE WAS NO DIRT. SO, SO MUCH FOR  
12 ENVIRONMENTAL FEES. SO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I WOULD TELL YOU  
13 THAT I APPRECIATE YOU CLARIFYING THE SEWAGE FEE, THE SEWAGE,  
14 GAS, GARBAGE, IT'S ALL THE SAME HERE AT THE BOARD OF  
15 SUPERVISORS. PEOPLE PAY AND THE PUBLIC GETS SCREWED.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I DO HAVE AN AMENDMENT THAT I WOULD  
18 LIKE TO OFFER. AND I APPRECIATE THE FOLKS FROM EAST LOS  
19 ANGELES WHO CAME OUT. I APPRECIATE YOUR WORKING WITH MY STAFF.  
20 AND I WANTED TO OFFER AN AMENDMENT TO THIS ITEM. AND THAT'S  
21 THAT PUBLIC WORKS WORK WITH OUR COUNTY COUNSEL TO DEVELOP AN  
22 OUTREACH AND EDUCATION PLAN FOR THE BELVEDERE GARBAGE DISPOSAL  
23 DISTRICT IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LOCAL BUSINESSES IN EAST  
24 L.A. AND INFORM THEM ABOUT THE SERVICES THE DISTRICT OFFERS  
25 AND IF FEASIBLE, PROVIDE CREDIT FOR ANY BUSINESSES THAT DO NOT



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1 UTILIZE THE DISTRICT'S SERVICES UP TO THREE YEARS. AND THEN TO  
2 EVALUATE WHETHER ANY CHANGES ARE NEEDED BY COUNTY CODE AND  
3 REPORT BACK TO THIS BOARD IN 90 DAYS. OKAY, THAT PORTION IS  
4 MOVED AND SECONDED.

5

6 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** AND MADAME CHAIR IN CONJUNCTION  
7 WITH YOUR AMENDMENT, IT IS ALSO APPROPRIATE TO NOTE THAT NO  
8 MAJORITY PROTEST EXISTS AGAINST THE ANNUAL GARBAGE COLLECTION  
9 AND DISPOSAL SERVICE FEE REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2016/'17.  
10 AS A RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO CLOSE  
11 THE PUBLIC HEARING AND FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL  
12 SERVICE FEE REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/'17 AS AMENDED.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AT THIS TIME SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
15 MOVES TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND MOVE THE ITEM AS AMENDED  
16 AND TO REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD.

17

18 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,  
19 ON ITEM NO. 6, THIS IS A HEARING ON THE LEVYING AND COLLECTION  
20 OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT LANDSCAPING  
21 AND LIGHTING ACT DISTRICTS 1, 2 AND 4 AND ZONES IDENTIFIED IN  
22 THE ENGINEER'S REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016/'17. THERE IS A  
23 DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PROCEED.



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2 **JAMES CHON:** NAME IS JAMES CHON AND I AM A SENIOR CIVIL  
3 ENGINEER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. I AM FAMILIAR  
4 WITH THESE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE LEVY OF ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS FOR  
5 FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017 WITHIN THE LANDSCAPING AND LIGHTING ACT  
6 DISTRICTS 1, 2 AND 4 AT PREVIOUSLY APPROVED RATES FOR ALL  
7 ZONES THEREIN. IN MY OPINION, ALL THE AREAS WITHIN LANDSCAPING  
8 L.L.A. DISTRICTS 1, 2 AND 4 WILL CONTINUE TO BE BENEFITED BY  
9 THE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED AND THE ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE  
10 ZONES CONTINUED TO BE SPREAD IN PROPORTION TO THE SPECIAL  
11 BENEFITS PROVIDED TO THOSE INVOLVED PROPERTIES. WE HAVE  
12 RECEIVED NO WRITTEN PROTESTS TO THE PROPOSAL OF THE ANNUAL  
13 ASSESSMENTS FOR L.L.A. DISTRICTS 1, 2 AND 4.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ON THIS ITEM, SINCE  
16 THERE'S NO PUBLIC COMMENT, I ASK THIS TIME THAT SUPERVISOR  
17 KNABE MOVE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND MOVE THIS ITEM.  
18 WITHOUT OBJECTION.

19

20 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ITEM NO. 7. THIS IS A HEARING ON  
21 THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH'S PROPOSED PUBLIC CHARGES FOR  
22 FISCAL YEAR 2016/'17 EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016, THEREBY  
23 MAXIMIZING SHORT-DOYLE MEDI-CAL PROGRAM REIMBURSEMENT. THERE  
24 IS NO DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS  
25 RECEIVED.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE DO HAVE PUBLIC SPEAKERS. DR.  
3 GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ERIC PREVEN. CAROLINE SIM. YOU CAN START,  
4 MA'AM.

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6 **CAROLINE SIM:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS CAROLINE SIM AND ITEM  
7 7 IS REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. AND I GUESS  
8 TRYING TO MAXIMIZE THEIR REVENUE. THIS MIGHT BE RELATED TO THE  
9 RE-PURPOSING OF THEIR FACILITIES ON VERMONT BETWEEN 4TH AND  
10 6TH AND KOREATOWN. WE HAD A LOT OF DISABLED COMMUNITY MEMBERS  
11 WHO CAME OUT LAST YEAR ASKING THE COUNTY TO INCLUDE AN ARTS  
12 AND RECREATION CENTER FOR THIS NUMBER 1 DENSEST COMMUNITY IN  
13 L.A. COUNTY, MOST PARK POOR. THE SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS  
14 HEARD US AND ENCOURAGED STAFF TO MEET WITH US. AND WE'RE VERY  
15 THANKFUL FOR THAT. HOWEVER, I'M VERY, VERY DISAPPOINTED AND  
16 VERY ANGRY THAT WE FEEL THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE HAS BEEN  
17 DISINGENUOUS. IN APRIL, THE STAFF MADE US AN OFFER THAT WAS  
18 KIND OF LIKE A TAKE-IT-OR-LEAVE-IT KIND OF OFFER WITH VERY  
19 LITTLE INPUT FROM US. THE OFFER WAS TO INCLUDE A 13,500 SQUARE  
20 FOOT CENTER ON THE SMALLEST PARCEL IN THIS REDEVELOPMENT AREA  
21 AT A COST OF \$10 MILLION, WHICH COMES OUT TO \$800 A SQUARE  
22 FOOT FOR JUST THE BUILDING'S SHELL. JUST TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA,  
23 A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR MANSION IN BEL AIR COULD BE BUILT FOR  
24 LESS THAN THAT. SO THAT WAS AN OFFER THAT WAS NOT A GOOD USE  
25 OF PUBLIC FUNDS, WHETHER IT CAME FROM THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS OR



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1 FROM THE COUNTY. AND WE FELT THAT IT WAS A DISINGENUOUS OFFER.  
2 THERE WERE SEVERAL OTHER IDEAS KIND OF FLOATED TO THE STAFF,  
3 BUT THEY WERE NOT CONSIDERED, AND VERY ADAMANTLY REJECTED. THE  
4 MOST LOGICAL PLACE ACTUALLY IF YOU SPEAK TO DEVELOPERS WHO ARE  
5 VERY FAMILIAR WITH CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND THE MOST EFFICIENT  
6 WAY TO BUILD WOULD BE ON TOP OF THE PARKING STRUCTURE ON  
7 SHATTO. THIS WOULD COST THE COUNTY OR THE COMMUNITY A  
8 SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT LESS THAN THE \$10 MILLION OR \$800 A SQUARE  
9 FOOT BUT IT WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED BECAUSE WE WERE TOLD IT  
10 WAS NOT WORKING WITH THE TAX-EXEMPT BOND FINANCING, BUT IF YOU  
11 KNOW ABOUT TAX-EXEMPT BOND FINANCING, IT PAYS FOR COMMUNITY  
12 FACILITIES. I'M JUST UPSET THAT THIS IS YET ANOTHER TIME THE  
13 COMMUNITY IS NOT BEING LISTENED TO AND RAILROADED ON A MAJOR  
14 REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT. AND I WOULD LIKE VERY SENIOR, GENUINE  
15 DISCOURSE WITH THE COUNTY.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MA'AM.

18

19 **CAROLINE SIM:** WE'VE ASKED FOR-- NOW I'M NOT GETTING EMAILED OR  
20 CALLED BACK ABOUT A SIMPLE QUESTION SUCH AS WHEN THE NEXT  
21 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING WILL BE CONSIDERED. (OFF MIC).

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23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** STAY ON TOPIC, MA'AM.

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1   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, I DON'T KNOW THAT SHE'S  
2   AWARE THAT THIS IS ITEM NO. 7, DEALING WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH  
3   DEPARTMENT ISSUE. SO YOU MAY NOT BE ADDRESSING THE ISSUE THAT  
4   YOU'RE INTENDING TO.

5

6   **CAROLINE SIM:** I THOUGHT THERE WAS A NEXUS BETWEEN THE  
7   DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND--

8

9   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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11   **ERIC PREVEN:** WELL, I MUST TELL YOU, MY EXPERIENCE WITH FAIR  
12   PUBLIC HEARINGS, AND I BELIEVE THIS IS A FAIR PUBLIC HEARING,  
13   IS THAT THE FIVE SUPERVISORS ARE REQUIRED TO PAY ATTENTION TO  
14   THE SPEAKER OR THEIR COMPUTER IN FRONT OF THEIR DESK.  
15   FORTUNATELY ONE OF THEM WAS, FORTUNATELY. BUT AFTER TWO  
16   MINUTES OF WHAT I WILL DESCRIBE AS CHOREOGRAPHED, WELL NOT  
17   COMMENT, ABOUT A DIFFERENT ITEM. SO ITEM 7 IS ABOUT THE MENTAL  
18   HEALTH PROPOSED PUBLISHED CHARGES, CHANGES, RATHER. NOW HERE  
19   IS A PROBLEM FOR THOSE OF US WHO HAVE WORKED UP IN THE STATE,  
20   SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,  
21   SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, HERE WE HAVE SOME REVISED CHARGES. AND  
22   I'VE GLANCED AT THEM. AND WHEN YOU LOOK AT THEM CLOSELY, OF  
23   COURSE THE FIRST ONE BLOWS YOU OUT OF YOUR CHAIR, WHICH IS  
24   THAT IT'S \$590 FOR MENTAL HEALTH CHARGE FOR SOMEONE WHO IS IN  
25   JAIL. BUT THEN YOU REALIZE, WELL HANG ON. LET ME LOOK AT



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1 THESE. SOME OF THEM ARE UTTERLY CONFUSING AS I BROUGHT UP LAST  
2 YEAR. BUT THE REASON FOR THESE PROPOSED CHANGES, WHICH ARE NOT  
3 ACTUALLY BASED ON THE PREVIOUS STATED CHARGES. THE STATE IS  
4 SUPPOSED TO STATE CERTAIN CHARGES HISTORICALLY. THE LAST  
5 COUPLE YEARS THEY HAVE BEEN DEFICIENT AT DOING SO. THEY HAVE  
6 FAILED TO DO SO, FOR REASONS WHICH CAN ONLY BE ANSWERED BY  
7 SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS WHO ARE IN CONSTANT  
8 CONTACT. BUT NOBODY KNOWS WHY THEY HAVEN'T DONE THAT. AND SO  
9 THE CURRENT CHARGES ARE SIMPLY AN ESTIMATE, A GUESSTIMATE, IF  
10 I MAY. SORT OF LIKE WHAT THAT WOMAN WAS DOING ABOUT THE  
11 DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS FOR MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS'S VERMONT  
12 CORRIDOR THING. WE'RE JUST GUESSING BECAUSE NOBODY IS  
13 COMMUNICATING CLEARLY. SO WE NEED SOMEBODY TO WRITE A FIVE-  
14 SIGNATURE LETTER, I'M SUGGESTING IT BE THE FIVE OF YOU, TO THE  
15 STATE TO SAY, POURQUOI LE DELAI? THAT'S FRENCH, ON THESE  
16 MENTAL HEALTH STATE CHARGE, AND WHAT IS THE PROBLEM? DO NOT  
17 HAVE ENOUGH LITTLE BUREAUCRATS UP THERE TO HELP? COME ON. THIS  
18 IS NOT SOMETHING THAT THE GREAT MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS UNDER  
19 THE LEADERSHIP OF THE AGENCY CHIEF MITCHELL KATZ CAN TOLERATE  
20 ANY LONGER. WE'RE GUESSING. WE ARE MERELY GUESSING AS TO WHAT  
21 THESE CHARGES ARE BASED ON PREVIOUS YEARS. MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS,  
22 ARE YOU PAYING ATTENTION? THANK YOU, SIR.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I AM. ARE YOU?

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, SIR.

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3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR?

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AT THIS TIME, SEEING NO FURTHER  
6 COMMENTS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MOVES TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC  
7 HEARING AND MOVES THE ITEM. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

8

9 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, A DETERMINATION HAS  
10 BEEN MADE THAT NO MAJORITY PROTESTS EXISTS AGAINST THE LEVYING  
11 OF ASSESSMENTS FOR PETITION NO.S 15-412 (1), 41-614 (4) AND  
12 75-1113 (5) PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION TO COUNTY LIGHTING  
13 MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT  
14 L.L.A.-1, UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF AVOCADO HEIGHTS, HACIENDA  
15 HEIGHTS AND MONROVIA. THIS IS ALL REGARDING AGENDA ITEM NO. 1.  
16 SO AS A RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO ADOPT  
17 RESOLUTION ORDERING THE ANNEXATION AND THE LEVYING OF  
18 ASSESSMENTS AND THE JOINT RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A NEGOTIATED  
19 EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM THE  
20 ANNEXATION OF THESE PETITION TERRITORIES 15-412 (1), 41-614  
21 (4), 75-1113 (5) AND AT THE REQUEST OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC  
22 WORKS, PETITION NO. 39-613-LA CRESCENTA AVENUE WILL BE  
23 CONTINUED TO JULY 26, 2016 FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES. SECONDED.  
2   WITHOUT OBJECTION.

3

4   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** AND ON AGENDA ITEM NO. 2, MADAME  
5   CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, A DETERMINATION HAS BEEN MADE  
6   THAT NO MAJORITY PROTESTS EXISTS AGAINST THE LEVYING OF  
7   ASSESSMENTS FOR PETITION NO. 71-1113, 7-114, 75-1014, 19-315,  
8   AND 46-614, PROPOSED FOR ANNEXATION TO COUNTY LIGHTING  
9   MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS 1687 AND COUNTY LIGHTING DISTRICT  
10   L.L.A.-1, UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF HACIENDA HEIGHTS AND LOS  
11   NIETOS. AS A RESULT, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR THE BOARD TO  
12   ADOPT A RESOLUTION ORDERING THE ANNEXATION AND LEVYING OF  
13   ASSESSMENT AND THE JOINT RESOLUTIONS ACCEPTING THE NEGOTIATED  
14   EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY TAX REVENUES RESULTING FROM THE  
15   ANNEXATION OF THESE TERRITORIES.

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17   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE MOVES. SECONDED  
18   WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

19

20   **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** AND ON AGENDA ITEM NO. 9, THIS IS A  
21   HEARING ON APPEAL OF PROJECT NO. R-2014-00881-5, SOUTH OF  
22   SIERRA HIGHWAY AND WEST OF CROWN VALLEY ROAD IN THE ACTON  
23   COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT TO AUTHORIZE A NEW COMMERCIAL  
24   CENTER APPLIED FOR BY ROBERT FRIEDMAN. APPEAL FROM THE



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1 REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL. THERE  
2 IS A DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. DEPARTMENT, PROCEED.

5

6 **KRISTINA KULCZYCKI:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR AND HONORABLE  
7 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS KRISTINA KULCZYCKI FROM THE DEPARTMENT  
8 OF REGIONAL PLANNING. THIS AGENDA ITEM IS A REQUEST FOR A NEW  
9 COMMERCIAL CENTER INCLUDING A RETAIL BUILDING, A RESTAURANT  
10 WITH DRIVE-THRU SERVICES AND AN ACCESSORY STORAGE BUILDING.  
11 THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT REQUEST WAS APPROVED WITHOUT DRIVE-  
12 THRU SERVICES BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ON APRIL 6TH  
13 OF THIS YEAR. CONDITION NO. 19 WAS APPEALED TO THE BOARD OF  
14 SUPERVISORS ON APRIL 20TH, AND IS A REQUEST TO ALLOW DRIVE-  
15 THRU SERVICES AS PART OF THE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM. TO ADDRESS  
16 CORRESPONDENCE THAT WAS RECENTLY RECEIVED, THE APPROPRIATE  
17 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW WAS COMPLETED THAT INCLUDES AN ADEQUATE  
18 TRAFFIC STUDY WITH AN ANALYSIS OF THE RESTAURANT WITH DRIVE-  
19 THRU SERVICES. THE TRAFFIC STUDY WAS CLEARED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
20 OF PUBLIC WORKS AS WELL AS THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
21 TRANSPORTATION. STAFF RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE  
22 NEGATIVE DECLARATION, DENY THE APPEAL, UPHOLD THE REGIONAL  
23 PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO.  
24 2014-00037 AND INSTRUCT COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE



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1 NECESSARY FINDINGS TO AFFIRM THE REGIONAL PLANNING  
2 COMMISSION'S APPROVAL. THIS CONCLUDES MY PRESENTATION.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK A QUESTION.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE QUESTION IS, WHY DOES THIS PROJECT  
9 REQUIRE A C.U.P.?

10

11 **KRISTINA KULCZYCKI:** A NEW DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM REQUIRES A  
12 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT. AND THE C.R.U. ZONE REQUIRES A  
13 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR DRIVE-THRU SERVICES.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IS THE DRIVE-THRU CONSISTENT WITH THE  
16 AREA VALLEY PLAN?

17

18 **KRISTINA KULCZYCKI:** DRIVE-THRU SERVICES ARE NOT PROHIBITED.  
19 THEY ARE JUST DISCOURAGED. THE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT IS A  
20 MECHANISM TO AUTHORIZE DRIVE-THRU SERVICES.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THE ACTON COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT,  
23 DOES IT MENTION DRIVE-THRUS?

24

25 **KRISTINA KULCZYCKI:** JUST UNDER THE C.R.U. ZONE.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT DOESN'T?

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4 **KRISTINA KULCZYCKI:** NOT--

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FOR PUBLIC WORKS, WHAT WERE THE RESULTS OF  
7 THE TRAFFIC STUDY PERFORMED FOR THE PROJECT?

8

9 **ANIKO THOMPSON:** MY NAME IS ANIKO THOMPSON. PRINCIPAL ENGINEER  
10 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. ACCORDING TO THE TRAFFIC  
11 IMPACT STUDY DATED AUGUST 4, 2015, THE TRAFFIC GENERATED BY  
12 THE PROJECT INCLUDING THE DRIVE-THRU WILL NOT HAVE A  
13 SIGNIFICANT TRANSPORTATION IMPACT ON COUNTY ROADWAYS OR  
14 INTERSECTIONS IN THE AREA BASED ON THE COUNTY'S GUIDELINES.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE APPLICANT HAS PERFORMED A TRAFFIC STUDY  
17 USING A FORMULA FOR SPECIALTY RETAIL. HOW DOES THAT ENSURE  
18 THAT ONLY SPECIALTY RETAIL IS ALLOWED AND OTHER RETAIL  
19 REQUIRES FURTHER ANALYSIS

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21 **ANIKO THOMPSON:** THE SPECIAL RETAIL USES THAT WERE ANALYZED IN  
22 TRAFFIC IMPACT STUDY IDENTIFIED CERTAIN LAND USE CATEGORIES.  
23 AND AS LONG AS THE LAND USE CATEGORIES THAT THE DEVELOPER PUTS  
24 IN PLACE WITHIN THE RETAIL BUILDING, THEN THE TRAFFIC STUDY  
25 WILL BE CONSISTENT.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY. WE DO HAVE  
5 SPEAKERS ON THIS ITEM. I'D FIRST LIKE TO CALL UP PAUL  
6 ZEROUNIAN. HE IS THE APPLICANT, AND REQUESTING THREE MINUTES.  
7 AND ROBERT FRIEDMAN, APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVE FOR ONE MINUTE.  
8 GO AHEAD, SIR, YOU CAN PROCEED.

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10 **PAUL ZEROUNIAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. MY NAME IS PAUL  
11 ZEROUNIAN.

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13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CAN YOU SPEAK INTO THE MIC? PULL THE  
14 MIC CLOSER TO YOU. YEAH.

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16 **PAUL ZEROUNIAN:** MY NAME IS PAUL ZEROUNIAN. I'M THE OWNER,  
17 PARTNER AND PROPRIETOR OF PRIMO BURGERS IN ANTELOPE VALLEY FOR  
18 THE LAST 24 YEARS. PRESENTLY WE HAVE FIVE LOCATIONS IN  
19 ANTELOPE VALLEY, IN PALMDALE, LANCASTER AND QUARTZ HILLS. WE  
20 ARE A FAMILY RESTAURANT. OUR FOOD IS VERY UNIQUE AND HAVE  
21 APPROXIMATELY 80 ITEMS ON THE MENU. 2014, WE FOUND A LOCATION  
22 ON SIERRA HIGHWAY IN ACTON. WE BUILD A PRIMO BURGERS WITH A  
23 DRIVE-THRU. THE PRELIMINARY PLANS WERE APPROVED BY THE COUNTY  
24 PLANNING DEPARTMENT. BUT WE WERE ASKED TO OBTAIN THE BLESSING  
25 FROM TOWN COUNCIL, ACTON TOWN COUNCIL. SO WE PROCEED WITH



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1 THAT. I HIRED MR. ROBERT, THE ARCHITECT, TO CONSULT AND ALSO  
2 TO ALSO RECEIVE THE BLESSING FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL. WE HAD SIX  
3 DIFFERENT MEETINGS WITH TOWN COUNCIL AND WE WERE ABLE TO GET  
4 THE OKAY FROM THEM IN WRITING, WHICH I HAVE IT IN MY  
5 POSSESSION, TO BUILD A 3,300 SQUARE FOOT RESTAURANT WITH A  
6 DRIVE-THRU. BUT IT WAS SUBJECT TO A TRAFFIC STUDY WHICH WE  
7 HAVE CONDUCTED A TRAFFIC STUDY WITH PROFESSIONAL COMPANY. AND  
8 THE TRAFFIC WERE NEGATIVE. WOULD NOT HAVE ANY EXTRA TRAFFIC,  
9 WOULD NOT CREATE ANY EXTRA TRAFFIC IN THE AREA. THERE ARE FIVE  
10 OTHER NATIONAL COMPANIES IN THE AREA WITHIN 500 FEET OF THIS  
11 PROJECT. TWO FAST-FOOD RESTAURANTS WITH A DRIVE-THRU AND ALSO  
12 THREE GASOLINE STATIONS, INTERNATIONAL COMPANIES, AND THEY ALL  
13 CREATE TRAFFIC IN THE AREA. I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS  
14 PROJECT FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS VERY HARD. AND I SPENT OVER  
15 \$120,000. THE DRIVE-THRU IS VERY ESSENTIAL FOR MY BUSINESS TO  
16 COMPETE WITH THE LOCAL COMPETITORS. PRIMO BURGER IS A  
17 COMMUNITY-SERVING RESTAURANT. WE ARE NOT A NATIONAL COMPANY.  
18 WE CATER TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES. WE ALSO HIRE THE LOCAL PEOPLE,  
19 SUCH AS SCHOOL KIDS. WE SPONSOR LOTS OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES,  
20 SUCH AS THE LITTLE LEAGUES AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND MANY,  
21 MANY MORE.

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23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME'S EXPIRED. YOUR TIME IS  
24 EXPIRED. YES, SIR.





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1   **ROBERT FRIEDMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
2   ROBERT FRIEDMAN. I'M THE ARCHITECT FOR THE PROJECT. I HAVE  
3   WORKED CLOSELY WITH THE TOWN COUNCIL. WE HAD 6 TO 7 MEETINGS  
4   WITH THEM. WE CREATED AN ARCHITECTURAL STYLE CONDUCIVE TO THE  
5   AREA IN A WESTERN MOTIF. WE HAD ALSO CHANGED THE PLANS ON  
6   SEVERAL OCCASIONS WITH THE INPUT OF THE RESIDENTS IN THE AREA  
7   BEING ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE HORSES AND SO FORTH ON THE PROPERTY  
8   AND HAVE SOME PLACE TO TIE THEM UP, BE ABLE TO HAVE THE DRIVE-  
9   THRU THEY WANTED TO HAVE. IT'S LARGER THAN A TYPICAL DRIVE-  
10   THRU IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE LARGE PICKUP TRUCKS.  
11   EVEN WE HAVE AREAS FOR TRAILERS WITH HORSES TO PARK AND SO  
12   FORTH. SO WE WORKED DILIGENTLY WITH THE LOCAL RESIDENTS TO  
13   DESIGN THIS PROJECT. I KNOW THAT WE WERE APPROVED AT ONE TIME  
14   AND THEN THAT OBVIOUSLY CHANGED AT A LATER DATE DUE TO  
15   POLITICS AND SO FORTH. SO I HOPE YOU TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION  
16   OUR HARD WORK AND THE THINGS THAT WE DID DO WITH THE RESIDENTS  
17   TO MAKE THIS A SUCCESSFUL PROJECT. THANK YOU.

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19   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. WE HAVE WELL OVER 50  
20   SPEAKERS. SO I AM GOING TO ACTUALLY ASK THAT INDIVIDUALS KEEP  
21   THEIR STATEMENTS TO 1 MINUTE. AND WE HAVE SEVERAL FOLKS THAT  
22   ARE ALSO GOING TO JOIN US IN LANCASTER. SO IF PEOPLE COULD  
23   PLEASE BE PATIENT. LET'S MOVE FORWARD. WE HAVE ANTOINETTE  
24   PERLMAN FROM LANCASTER. AND MARK HEMSTRY RIGHT AFTER. ARE YOU  
25   IN? HELLO?



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**ANTOINETTE PERLMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS OF LOS ANGELES  
AND THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME BEFORE YOU  
TO PROFESS MY SUPPORT FOR THE PRIMO BURGER PROJECT IN ACTON  
AND APPEAL TO YOU TO RECONSIDER THE PROJECT TO INCLUDE THE  
DRIVE-THRU PORTION OF THE BUSINESS AS ORIGINALLY PRESENTED.  
PRIMO BURGER IS NOT A BIG CHAIN, AND THEY FOCUS ON CASUAL  
DINING. I JUST CANNOT SEE HOW THE DRIVE-THRU PART OF THIS  
PROJECT WOULD BE A DETRIMENT TO AN ALREADY VERY COMMERCIALIZED  
AREA. IF ANYTHING, ANOTHER ATTRACTIVE BUSINESS WOULD ONLY BE  
ENHANCING THIS STRETCH OF COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE. I'VE HEARD  
PEOPLE SAY THAT THEY THINK THE DRIVE-THRU IS CONVENIENT FOR  
MANY OBVIOUS REASONS. AND, BOY, I'D RATHER SEE ONE ATTACHED TO  
A SMALL FAMILY-OWNED BUSINESS LIKE THIS INSTEAD OF A BIG  
CHAIN. MR. ZEROUNIAN HAS CALCULATED HOW IMPORTANT THAT DRIVE-  
UP REVENUE WOULD BE TO HIS OPERATION AND ITS SUCCESS. VERY  
SOON, OUR MINIMUM WAGE WILL NEED TO BE RAISED AND MANY  
BUSINESSES, ESPECIALLY IN THE RESTAURANT INDUSTRY, ARE VYING  
ON HOW TO KEEP UP AND MEET THIS GOAL. AND WITH THIS ON THE  
HORIZON, I CAN SEE HIS CONCERN AND HIS NEED TO KEEP THAT  
DRIVE-THRU AS A VIABLE OPTION FOR HIS PATRONS AS WELL AS THE  
ADDED INCOME HE IS CALCULATING NEEDING TO MAKE HIS BUSINESS--

23

**SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. TIME'S EXPIRED.  
NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE? MARK HEMSTRY.



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2 **MARK HEMSTRY:** MARK HEMSTRY WITH THE LANCASTER CHAMBER OF  
3 COMMERCE. SO I'D LIKE TO MAKE TWO QUICK POINTS SINCE I ONLY  
4 HAVE A MINUTE TO DO THAT. THE FIRST ONE IS WE'RE LOOKING AT  
5 PUTTING THE NEW BUSINESS INTO A COMMUNITY, ONE OF THE FIRST  
6 ONES IS THAT A COMMUNITY-INVOLVED BUSINESS. AND PRIMO BURGERS  
7 IN OUR VALLEY BOTH IN QUARTZ HILL, LANCASTER AND PALMDALE IS  
8 ONE OF THOSE KIND OF OWNERS. THEY'RE A PLACE THAT FAMILIES CAN  
9 GO. IT'S A SAFE, CLEAN ENVIRONMENT AND IT'S A PLACE THAT YOUR  
10 LOCAL COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CAN HAPPEN THERE, TOO. IT'S A PLACE  
11 WHERE LOCAL BOY SCOUTS CAN SELL DISCOUNT CARDS. IT'S A PLACE  
12 THAT A LOCAL CAR CLUB CAN HAVE A CAR RALLY THERE AND ENJOY THE  
13 AMBIENCE AND THE GREAT FOOD THAT THEY SERVE. THE OTHER POINT  
14 I'D LIKE TO MAKE, I'D HATE YOU TO DISCOURAGE ANY BUSINESS FROM  
15 A GOVERNMENTAL POINT OF REDUCING THEIR ABILITY TO SELL THEIR  
16 PRODUCT. I THINK A DRIVE-THRU IS IN THIS DAY AND AGE AN  
17 IMPORTANT ASPECT OF ANY RESTAURANT. AND I HOPE YOU CONSIDER  
18 KEEPING THAT DRIVE-THRU PART OF IT AS A VIABLE PART OF THEIR  
19 BUSINESS TO MAKE THEM SUCCESSFUL. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WE HAVE HILLARY  
22 BLAHA.

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24 **SPEAKER:** SHE LEFT.

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SCOTT ROWE? KATHLEEN-- GO AHEAD, SIR.

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3    **SCOTT ROWE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR AND BOARD. MY NAME  
4    THE SCOTT ROWE. I'M A 30-YEAR RESIDENT OF ACTON AND A PROPERTY  
5    OWNER THERE. I SUPPORT THE INCLUSION OF A DRIVE-THRU. I  
6    BELIEVE IT WILL BE A COMMUNITY-SERVING DRIVE-THRU AS OPPOSED  
7    TO WHAT IS BEING CALLED A FREEWAY-SERVING DRIVE-THRU. IT WAS  
8    REDESIGNED TO ACCOMMODATE THE EXPRESSED WISHES OF MANY ACTON  
9    RESIDENTS AT THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS WELL OVER A YEAR AGO. I  
10    THINK IT WILL BE AN ASSET TO THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE IT DOES  
11    SERVE THE COMMUNITIES THAT IT'S IN. AND I THINK IT WILL FILL A  
12    GAP IN WHAT IS AVAILABLE FOR EATING OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR  
13    COMMUNITY. MANY ACTON RESIDENTS DID EXPRESS SUPPORT AT  
14    PREVIOUS TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS IN THE PAST COUPLE YEARS BUT  
15    FOR VARIOUS REASONS THEY QUIT GOING TO THOSE MEETINGS. AS FAR  
16    AS INCREASED TRAFFIC AND THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL ISSUE, THERE  
17    SHOULD ALREADY BE ONE THERE. THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN  
18    REQUIRES IT WHETHER OR NOT THIS PROJECT GOES THROUGH OR NOT.  
19    THERE SHOULD ALSO BE ONE IN ANTELOPE WOODS IN CROWN VALLEY.

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21   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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23   **SCOTT ROWE:** THANK YOU.

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25   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** KATHLEEN BELLENFANT. FRED MILLER?



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2 **SPEAKER:** SHE'S PASSING HER TWO MINUTES OVER TO FRED.

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4 **FRED MILLER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS FRED MILLER. AND I WAS  
5 AN EX-COUNCILMAN, STILL AM AN EX-COUNCILMAN OR PERSON WITH THE  
6 CITY OF ACTON. ONE OF THE MEETINGS, IT WAS BROUGHT UP THAT WE  
7 WERE WORRIED ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN WITH THE DRIVE-  
8 THRU. AND FRANKLY JUST WATCHING THE CHILDREN COMING OUT OF THE  
9 MIDDLE SCHOOL ON CROWN VALLEY, THEY WALK PAST A VERY BUSY GAS  
10 STATION A.M. P.M. AND A STREET. THEY WALK PAST AN ONRAMP TO  
11 THE 14 FREEWAY AND A FEW FEET PAST THAT THEY WALK AND CROSS AN  
12 OFFRAMP TO THE FREEWAY. THEN THEY GET TO MCDONALD'S WHERE  
13 GUESS WHAT? THERE'S A DRIVE-THRU. DRIVE-THRUS, I DON'T THINK,  
14 ARE ALL THAT DANGEROUS. THE CARS ARE GOING SLOW. PEOPLE ARE  
15 WATCHING MOST OF THE TIME. BUT THEY CAN'T BE ANY MORE  
16 DANGEROUS THAN THE WALK FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL UP TO SIERRA  
17 HIGHWAY. IF WE'RE GOING TO WORRY ABOUT THE SAFETY OF THE  
18 CHILDREN, WE OUGHT TO BE LOOKING AT THAT A LOT MORE THAN JUST  
19 A DRIVE-THRU. THE OTHER THING IS WITH THE ECONOMY THE WAY IT  
20 IS AND PEOPLE TRYING TO START A BUSINESS, IT'S VERY DIFFICULT.  
21 AND WE SHOULD BE SUPPORTING THESE PEOPLE, NOT TRYING TO STOP  
22 THEM AND STEP ON THEM. I HAVE A BUSINESS IN CHATSWORTH AND  
23 IT'S ALL I CAN DO TO KEEP IT MOVING. IT WOULD BE GREAT IF WE  
24 HAD THIS NEW RESTAURANT, MORE VARIETY. I THINK THAT CAN ONLY  
25 BE GOOD. AND I'M SURE THAT THE OWNERS OF THE RESTAURANT WILL



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1 WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY AS FAR AS LIKE WAS SAID, CAR SHOWS,  
2 WORKING WITH THE BOY SCOUTS, LITTLE LEAGUE, THINGS LIKE THAT.  
3 THAT'S WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT IN ACTON. WE ALL KIND OF WORK  
4 TOGETHER AND MAKE THINGS HAPPEN. WE ALL LOVE THE SMALL TOWN.  
5 WE DON'T WANT IT TO GET HUGE AND LARGE. AND I DON'T THINK IT  
6 WILL IF WE JUST ADD ONE MORE RESTAURANT. THAT'S NOT THE POINT.  
7 THERE'S A LOT OF ROOM THERE FOR ANYTHING THAT WE WANT TO DO.  
8 THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAK CERTAIN RICK  
11 NORRIS. SUSAN ZAHNTER.

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13 **RICK NORRIS:** HI, GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M RICK NORRIS. I'M  
14 EXPERIENCED IN GOVERNMENT, TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND  
15 A PERSONAL FRIEND OF THE GAUDIS. I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE  
16 ANTELOPE VALLEY COMMUNITY FOR OVER 26 YEARS. I'VE STOPPED AT  
17 THAT EXIT, 100 MAYBE EVEN A THOUSAND TIMES GOING DOWN TO  
18 MEETINGS IN L.A. I REMEMBER THE GIANT PARKING LOT OF CARS FROM  
19 5 A.M. IN THE MORNING LEAVING TRYING TO GET TO BURBANK AIRPORT  
20 FOR AN 8:00 FLIGHT AND MISSING IT. I REMEMBER THE REQUESTS BY  
21 ACTON RESIDENTS FOR US TO HELP WIDEN THE FREEWAY, THE SYSTEM  
22 NEEDED TO GET WATER LINES FROM A.V.A.C. TO ACTON AND THOUSANDS  
23 OF CARS WAITING TO GET DOWN TO LOS ANGELES FOR THEIR JOBS.  
24 CROWN VALLEY EXIT AND THE ANTELOPE VALLEY IS A COMMERCIAL  
25 CORNER. IT WAS DESIGNED FOR COMMUTERS TO EXIT, GET FUEL, GET



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1 FOOD AND DRINK AND USE THE RESTROOM FACILITIES BETWEEN LONG  
2 EXIT DISTANCES OF THE FREEWAY. THIS COMMERCIAL INTERSECTION IS  
3 DESIGNED FOR THE EXACT PURPOSE--

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME EXPIRED. SUSAN  
6 ZAHNTER AND RONALD BIRD. ARE THEY THERE?

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8 **SUSAN ZAHNTER:** MY NAME IS SUSAN ZAHNTER. I'M DIRECTOR OF THE  
9 ASSOCIATION OF REAL TOWN COUNCILS. I'M BEGINNING TO THINK THAT  
10 IT'S GROUNDHOG DAY FOR DRIVE-THRUS IN ACTON AND IT'S DEJA VU  
11 ALL OVER AGAIN. IN NOVEMBER 2015, THE TACO BELL PROJECT IN  
12 DIRECT PROXIMITY TO THE PROPOSED PRIMO BURGER RESTAURANT WAS  
13 APPROVED BY THE BOARD WITHOUT A DRIVE-THRU. HERE WE ARE AGAIN  
14 WITH THE PROJECT PROPONENTS' APPEAL TO REQUEST OF THE  
15 CONDITIONAL USE DRIVE-THRU BE ALLOWED. THE ASSOCIATION  
16 SUPPORTS ACTON'S DESIRE, IMPLEMENTED THROUGH ITS COMMUNITY  
17 STANDARDS DISTRICT DOCUMENT AND THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AREA PLAN  
18 FOR LOW INTENSITY, COMMUNITY-SERVING BUSINESSES AND THE  
19 PRESERVATION OF REAL CHARACTER ITS RESIDENTS CURRENTLY ENJOY.  
20 A PRECEDENT WAS SET WITH THE BOARD DECISION BACK IN NOVEMBER.  
21 THE DRIVE-THRU REQUEST BY PRIMO BURGER WE REQUEST BE DENIED.  
22 THANK YOU.

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24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER IS  
25 RONALD BIRD.





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**RONALD BIRD:** MY NAME IS RON BIRD. I'M A 16-YEAR ACTON RESIDENT  
AND I SUPPORT THIS DRIVE-THRU. LOCAL PARENTS WITH CRANKY KIDS,  
THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED ALONG WITH OTHER RESIDENTS WILL  
UTILIZE AND APPRECIATE THE DRIVE-THRU. THIS PROJECT IS  
DIFFERENT THAN THE REJECTED TACO BELL PROJECT. TACO BELL'S  
NATIONAL ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN WOULD DRAW PEOPLE OFF THE  
FREEWAY. PRIMO IS A SMALL, FAMILY-OWNED BUSINESS. SO THEY WILL  
HAVE INHERENTLY MUCH LESS OF A DRAW. TACO BELL IS TRULY FAST  
FOOD. PRIMO TAKES LONGER TO PREPARE AND HAS A MUCH MORE  
EXTENSIVE MENU, SO THEY'LL HAVE A LOT LESS CAPACITY IN THEIR  
DRIVE-THRU. PRIMO BEING SMALL WILL HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME  
COMPETING WITH THE LOCAL JACK IN THE BOX AND MCDONALD'S THAT  
ARE THERE. COMPETITION NEEDS TO BE AT AN EVEN PLANE. PRIMO HAS  
COMMUNITY SUPPORT. TACO BELL DID NOT. THESE ARE THE REASONS  
WHY I THINK YOU SHOULD APPROVE THE DRIVE-THRU. THANK YOU VERY  
MUCH.

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**SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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**SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DO YOU GET CRANKY KIDS?

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**SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TRACIE TENERELLI AND GAY ROBBINS. GO  
AHEAD AND PROCEED, PLEASE.

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1    **TRACIE TENERELLI:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TRACIE TENERELLI.  
2    MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE OWNED A HOME IN ACTON FOR 27 YEARS. I  
3    GREW UP IN A SMALL TOWN IN WYOMING, AND THIS IS MY HOME AWAY  
4    FROM HOME. I AM HERE TODAY TO SHARE MY CONCERN ABOUT FREEWAY-  
5    SERVING BUSINESSES. WE ALREADY HAVE ENOUGH. AND I FEEL IF YOU  
6    LET PRIMO BURGER IN, IT JUST ALLOWS FOR MORE OF THESE TYPES OF  
7    BUSINESSES. THE TRAFFIC IS ALREADY BAD ENOUGH IN THIS AREA.  
8    FOR THE RESIDENTS, NOT TO MENTION THE CHILDREN WALKING HOME  
9    FROM SCHOOL. ACTON VOICED ITS OPINION BEFORE YOU IN NOVEMBER  
10   2015 ABOUT TACO BELL. I'M ASKING YOU TO STAND BEHIND THAT  
11   DECISION YOU MADE AND SAY NO TO THE DRIVE-THRU PRIMO BURGER.  
12   THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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14   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GAY ROBBINS? KAROL SCAVONE

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16   **GAY ROBBINS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M HERE THIS AFTERNOON TO TELL  
17   YOU WHY I DO NOT WANT THE PRIMO BURGER, ANOTHER FAST-FOOD  
18   DRIVE-THRU, IN OUR COMMUNITY. MY HUSBAND AND I MOVED HER--

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20   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MA'AM, COULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME?

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22   **GAY ROBBINS:** -- FOUR YEARS AGO TO ACTON. WE LOVE OUR SMALL  
23   TOWN. THERE IS NO TRAFFIC LIGHTS. NO HELICOPTERS HOVERING OVER  
24   YOUR HOUSE. AND THE AREA IS BEAUTIFUL AND QUIET. THE MOST  
25   TRAFFIC THAT WE HAVE, WE SEE IS ON CROWN VALLEY ROAD AND



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1 SIERRA HIGHWAY AT THAT EXIT WHERE THEY WANT TO PUT THE  
2 HAMBURGER PLACE. SO AS YOU HEARD BEFORE, THERE'S A LOT OF--  
3 THERE'S THREE GAS STATIONS AND THERE'S EVERY KIND OF FAST FOOD  
4 JUST ABOUT THE YOU CAN THINK OF, EVEN A SUSHI PLACE. SO I JUST  
5 THINK THAT FOR THE SAFETY OF THE KIDS, THAT WHERE THE MIDDLE  
6 SCHOOL IS, WHICH IS RIGHT BY LIKE AN EXIT UP, THAT WE SHOULD  
7 NOT APPROVE THIS.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOUR NAME, PLEASE?

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11 **GAY ROBBINS:** MY NAME IS GAY ROBBINS.

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13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. NEXT  
14 SPEAKER?

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16 **GAY ROBBINS:** OKAY.

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18 **VICTOR VEGA:** HELLO, MY NAME IS VICTOR VEGA AND I'M A DIRECTOR  
19 WITH THE HISPANIC CHAMBER AND FIRST I WANT TO APOLOGIZE, I WAS  
20 ACTUALLY CALLED, IT'S ACTUALLY MY DAY OFF TODAY. BUT I JUST  
21 WANT TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF THE PRIMO'S. AS A KID I'VE BEEN HERE  
22 SINCE 1987 IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND I'VE ALWAYS SEEN PRIMO  
23 BURGERS AT CAR SHOWS, HELPING SPONSOR CAR WASHES AND REALLY  
24 LOVING THE COMMUNITY. AS FAR AS A BUSINESS AND CONSUMER SIDE I  
25 THINK THIS WILL BE A GREAT IDEA BECAUSE IT ALLOWS THE CITY OF



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1    ACTON A DIFFERENT OPTION, BUT AN OPTION THAT IS A BUSINESS  
2    OWNER THAT BELIEVES IN THE COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. HE IS VERY  
3    OPEN LIKE OPEN CAR SHOWS, FUNDRAISING EVENTS. SO I WOULD ASK  
4    THAT IT REALLY SOUNDS LIKE PRIMO BURGER HAS REALLY DONE THEIR  
5    DUE DILIGENCE. THEY REALLY WANT TO WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY. I  
6    BELIEVE THIS IS JUST A GREAT OPTION FOR, YOU KNOW, NOT ONLY  
7    CONSUMERS BUT ALSO THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE AND THIS WILL BE  
8    ANOTHER OPTION THAT THE CITY OF ACTON CAN HAVE. SO THANK YOU.

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10    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'M ALREADY CALLED KAROL SCAVONE.  
11    ANGELA MORRIS AND GENE LAIRD.

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13    **ANGELA MORRIS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ANGELA MORRIS AND I  
14    OPPOSE THE PRIMO BURGER PROJECT. I'VE LIVED IN ACTON FOR 16  
15    YEARS. WE MOVED FROM GRENADA HILLS TO TRANQUIL RURAL ACTON  
16    BECAUSE OF THE 30 YEARS IN GRENADA HILLS WE SAW TREMENDOUS  
17    GROWTH AND CHANGE IN OUR RESIDENTIAL AREA. NOW I'M SEEING--  
18    NOW I SEE SEEKING ATTEMPTS CHANGED TO THE RURAL SETTING. ACTON  
19    WILL NEVER BE GRENADA HILLS, HOWEVER I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT  
20    NEGATIVE SIDE EFFECT OF THE GROWTH WILL COME. WHERE PRIMO  
21    BURGER IS HOPING TO LOCATE IN ACTON IS OUR MOST CONGESTED  
22    AREA. DRIVE-THRU SERVICES WOULD GREATLY INCREASE ITS  
23    CONGESTION WITH THE ON/OFF FREEWAY ACTIVITY. I THINK  
24    COMPROMISE IS IMPORTANT HERE. COME IF YOU MUST. HOWEVER,  
25    ELIMINATE THE DRIVE-THRU ASPECT. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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4 **JEAN LAIRD:** HELLO, MY NAME JEAN LAIRD. I'M A RESIDENT OF ACTON  
5 FOR 30 YEARS. IT WAS ONLY EIGHT MONTHS AGO THAT THE BOARD  
6 AGREED TO UPHOLD OUR COMMUNITY STANDARDS AND NOT ALLOW THAT  
7 DRIVE-THRU FOR TACO BELL. SO, MANY OF US IN ACTON WERE  
8 SURPRISED THAT HAD WE'RE GOING DOWN THIS ROAD AGAIN. WE HAVE  
9 TOO MANY CONCERNS AS FAR AS SAFETY, HORSES, CYCLISTS, THAT'S  
10 THE ONE THING I'VE NOT HEARD ABOUT AS MANY OF US ARE HORSE  
11 OWNERS OUT IN THIS AREA AND THERE'S ONLY A STOP SIGN THERE. SO  
12 WE'VE ALREADY GOT HAMBURGER STORES, WE DON'T NEED A THIRD ONE.  
13 AND IT WOULD BE DISRUPTIVE TO OUR QUALITY OF LIFE AND IT WOULD  
14 NOT BE HOLDING UP TO THE ACTON COMMUNITY STANDARDS. SO I URGE  
15 YOU TO DENY THE DRIVE-THRU. ACTON RESIDENTS REALLY DON'T WANT  
16 IT, A MAJORITY OF THEM. AND THEY'RE NOT HERE TODAY BECAUSE  
17 THEY ALL HAVE TO BE AT WORK. THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE PAM CLARK. SHAWN  
20 CALDWELL.

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22 **PAM CLARK:** HELLO. MY NAME IS PAM CLARK. THANK YOU, COUNTY  
23 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I WAS ONE  
24 OF THE FIRST GRADUATING CLASSES OF VASQUEZ HIGH SCHOOL IN  
25 ACTON WHERE I GREW UP. BOTH MY PARENTS STILL LIVE LOCAL TO THE



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1 PROJECT. I SUPPORT HAVING PRIMO BURGER WITH A DRIVE-THRU.  
2 MYSELF AND MY FAMILY OFTEN STOP ON THE WAY TO OR FROM GRANDMA  
3 AND GRANDPA'S HOUSE TO GET FOOD IN ACTON WHERE THE PRIMO  
4 BURGER WOULD BE LOCATED. WE ENJOY THE CONVENIENCE OF THE  
5 EXISTING DRIVE-THRU RESTAURANT BUT THE FOOD IS TYPICAL FAST  
6 FOOD. IT IS NOT TOO HEALTHY OR TASTY. IN THE SUMMER IT IS  
7 OFTEN VERY HOT AND WE MIGHT HAVE KIDS ASLEEP IN THE CAR, OR  
8 OFTEN IT IS AFTER DARK WHEN WE RETURN AND IT WOULD NOT BE SAFE  
9 TO LEAVE CHILDREN UNATTENDED IN THE CAR. SO THE DRIVE-THRU  
10 WOULD BE THE ONLY OPTION BECAUSE IT'S NOT ALWAYS GOOD TO  
11 UNLOAD A CAR FULL OF KIDS. I ALREADY GET OFF AT THE CROWN  
12 VALLEY ROAD FOR GAS ON MOST TRIPS TO VISIT MY FOLKS. I WOULD  
13 BE GETTING FOOD, ANYWAY, SO HAVING PRIMOS IS AN ADDED DINING  
14 OPTION, WOULD NOT ENCOURAGE MORE TRAFFIC IN MY OPINION. ONLY  
15 GIVE EXISTING FOLKS WHO ALREADY FREQUENT THE AREA A BETTER  
16 TASTING AND HEALTHIER OPTION FOR FOOD WITH THE SAME LEVEL OF  
17 CONVENIENCE. IT WOULD NOT IMPACT OUR RURAL LIFESTYLE OR  
18 INCREASE TRAFFIC. THE TRAFFIC STUDY THAT WAS DONE SUPPORTS  
19 THIS CLAIM. ANYBODY WHO TOOK A LOOK AT PRIMO'S MENU WOULD SAY  
20 THE FOOD IS FAR FROM USUAL.

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MA'AM YOUR TIME'S EXPIRED.  
23 WE APPRECIATE IT. WE HAVE SHAWN CALDWELL.

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25 **SPEAKER:** YOU HAVE ONE OTHER SPEAKER WHO SIGNED UP. GO AHEAD.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD. STATE YOUR NAME.

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4 **KELLY TENO:** HELLO. MY NAME IS KELLY TENO AND I'M A MEMBER OF  
5 THE ACTON TOWN COUNCIL BUT TODAY I'M HERE TO SPEAK TO YOU AS A  
6 CONCERNED HOMEOWNER AND FOR MY FAMILY. MY HUSBAND AND I MOVED  
7 TO ACTON 24YEARS AGO TO RAISE OUR FIVE CHILDREN IN A SMALL  
8 TOWN ATMOSPHERE WITH OPEN SPACES. ANY TIME I LEAVE ACTON, I AM  
9 FRUSTRATED BY THE TRAFFIC AND IT REMINDS ME WHY I MOVED HERE.  
10 I'M CONCERNED THAT IF YOU APPROVE THESE DRIVE-THRU WE WILL GET  
11 SO MANY LARGE FAST FOOD AND LARGE FRANCHISE TYPE BUSINESSES IN  
12 ACTON. THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY DEVELOPERS WHO HAVE BROUGHT  
13 THEIR DESIRES OF THESE TYPES OF BUSINESSES WHO WISH TO COME.  
14 THEY HAVE BEEN ASKED IF THEY COULD FIND BUSINESSES THAT ARE  
15 JUST COMMUNITY SERVING AND POSSIBLY GO FURTHER DOWNTOWN.  
16 DEVELOPER AFTER DEVELOPER HAVE TOLD US THAT RIGHT OFF OUR  
17 FREEWAY IS PRIME REAL ESTATE AND THE ONLY BUSINESSES WHO WOULD  
18 WANT TO COME WILL NEED A DRIVE-THRU AND BE FAST FOOD IN NATURE  
19 BECAUSE, AGAIN, THERE IS NOT ENOUGH POPULATION. MY QUESTION  
20 IS: WHY DO BUSINESSES CONTINUE COMING AND ASKING US TO CHANGE  
21 OUR STANDARDS FOR THEM? THEY NEED TO CHANGE THEIR STANDARDS  
22 FOR US. I'M ASKING YOU TO MAKE THE DECISION OF NO DRIVE-THRU  
23 FOR THE PRIMO BURGER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT WE HAVE HERE IN THE  
2   AUDIENCE DOUGLAS GAUDI JOANNA GAUDI AND I JUST WANT TO REMIND  
3   THE FOLKS THAT WERE ON, 1 MINUTE. SO IF WE CAN MOVE QUICKLY.  
4   ANDREW MARQUEZ.

5

6   **DOUGLAS GAUDI:** READY? THIS IS WHAT SUPPORT LOOKS LIKE OF ACTON  
7   TOWN COUNCIL. I MEAN FROM ACTON MEMBERS THERE. MY WIFE AND I  
8   STARTED A LOCAL BUSINESS OVER 22 YEARS AGO.

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10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** START OVER AGAIN BUT FIRST GIVE YOUR NAME.

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12   **DOUGLAS GAUDI:** MY NAME IS DOUGLAS GAUDI. I OWN THE COUNTRY  
13   CLUB FEED IN ACTON. AND WE STARTED A BUSINESS IN THE HOPES OF  
14   BUYING PROPERTY, EXPANDING OUR BUSINESSES AND BEING SUCCESSFUL  
15   IN SUPPORTING OURSELVES. WE WORK HARD YEAR AFTER YEAR AND  
16   FINALLY FOUND A SPOT THAT, WITH THE HELP OF ANOTHER SMALL  
17   BUSINESSMAN, AND BOUGHT OUR PROPERTY. AFTER YEARS OF MAKING  
18   PAYMENTS AND WORKING HARD, SACRIFICING TO PAY OFF THE PROPERTY  
19   AND JUST TO HAVE THE ECONOMY DROP. WE WERE THEN APPROACHED BY  
20   PAUL TO PARTNER UP AND BUILD OUR FUTURE, WE FOUND HIM AND HIS  
21   COMPANY TO BE A PERFECT MATCH FOR US AND ACTON. WE HAVE DONE  
22   EVERYTHING REQUIRED BY ACTON AND L.A. COUNTY WITH THE MAJORITY  
23   OF THE SUPPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY. WE NEED TO HAVE YOU APPROVE  
24   OUR PROJECT AS A WHOLE TO ENSURE THAT FREE ENTERPRISE IS STILL  
25   SUPPORTED AND NOT SUPPRESSED BY A FEW PEOPLE WHO DON'T WANT



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1 ANYTHING BUILT ANYWHERE. WE WILL EMPLOY 40 TO 50 PEOPLE AND  
2 GENERATE TAX REVENUE FOR THE COUNTY AND STATE. REGIONAL  
3 PLANNING RECOMMENDED NO DRIVE-THRU-- OKAY.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. JOANNA.

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7 **JOANNA GAUDI:** MY NAME IS JOANNA GAUDI. I AM OWNER OF COUNTRY  
8 CLUB FEED. AS HE SAID, WE'VE OWNED OUR BUSINESS FOR 23 YEARS.  
9 IT'S BEEN OUR DREAM TO BUILD OUR OWN FEED STORE. WE'VE ALWAYS  
10 RENTED PROPERTY. WE PURCHASED THIS PROPERTY BACK IN 2004. BACK  
11 THEN WE WERE APPROVED FOR A RETAIL BUSINESS THAT DID INCLUDE  
12 OUR FEED STORE AND FOOD OPTIONS. BECAUSE OF THE ECONOMY, WE  
13 WERE UNABLE TO BUILD. WE WERE APPROACHED BY PAUL ZEROUNIAN IN  
14 2014 WITH THE OPTION OF HAVING HIS RESTAURANT WITH A  
15 COMMUNITY-SERVING DRIVE-THRU. WE HAVE 1.95 ACRES THAT'S  
16 SURROUNDED BY THE FREEWAY, 14 FREEWAY AND SIERRA HIGHWAY AND  
17 C-3 BUSINESSES. IT'S ZONED WITH THE RURAL COMMERCIAL TO ALLOW  
18 FOR DRIVE-THRUS AS LONG AS THEY'RE COMMUNITY SERVING. WE'VE  
19 PROVED OVER AND OVER AGAIN THAT PRIMO BURGER IS A COMMUNITY  
20 SERVING RESTAURANT.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. BEFORE YOU SPEAK. LET ME CALL UP--  
23 ALBERT AQUINO. LOUISE BARBATO PAM WOLTER. YES, SIR. ANDREW.  
24 OKAY.

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1   **ANDREW MARQUEZ:** HI, MY NAME IS ANDREW. I'VE BEEN AN EMPLOYEE  
2   FOR PRIMO BURGERS FOR ABOUT FOUR YEARS ALREADY. PRIMO BURGERS  
3   HAS TAUGHT ME A LOT. IT'S HELPED ME IMPROVE IN MANY SKILLS,  
4   ONE OF WHICH YOU START SEEING THINGS. YOU START MONITORING  
5   THINGS. AND ONE THING I CAN SAY IS ABOUT 80 PERCENT OF OUR  
6   CUSTOMERS ARE RECURRING CUSTOMERS. THE OTHER 10 PERCENT MIGHT  
7   BE CUSTOMERS THAT ARE LOCAL TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. AND THE  
8   OTHER 10 PERCENT COULD BE TOURISTS SEEKING NEW FOOD HORIZONS.  
9   THAT BEING SAID, PRIMO BURGERS HAS A DIFFERENT ATMOSPHERE FROM  
10  ALL THESE OTHER DIFFERENT TYPE OF FOOD CHAINS SUCH AS  
11  MCDONALD'S, ET CETERA, AS IN IT'S A BIT MORE FAMILY-ORIENTED.  
12  AND LIKE I SAID, SINCE THERE'S SO MANY RECURRING CUSTOMERS,  
13  MOST OF THEM, WE KNOW THEM BY NAME AND SUCH THINGS.

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15  **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SIR.

16

17  **ANDREW MARQUEZ:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

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19  **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET MY CALL UP ELIZABETH BILLET. AND GARY  
20  LUBBEN. YES, MA'AM. LADIES FIRST.

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22  **LOUISE BARBATO:** GOOD MORNING-- GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR  
23  AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS DR. LOUISE BARBATO AND  
24  I'VE KNOWN THE ZEROUNIAN FAMILY FOR THREE YEARS NOW. I'D LIKE  
25  TO READ A LETTER FROM AN ACTON RESIDENT, LESLIE ROGERS WHO



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1 LIVE AT 33908 MCHENRY CANYON ROAD SINCE LESLIE COULDN'T BE  
2 HERE TODAY. DEAR SUPERVISORS. I'M HERE TO TELL YOU THAT THE  
3 MAJORITY OF ACTON RESIDENTS SUPPORT A PRIMO BURGER WITH A  
4 DRIVE-THRU. WE ARE TIRED OF THE SAME MCDONALD'S OR JACK IN THE  
5 BOX FOOD YEAR AFTER YEAR. THE NEW PRIMO RESTAURANT WOULD BE  
6 BETWEEN TWO EXISTING BUSINESSES, JACK IN THE BOX AND ACTON  
7 AUTO PARKS AND IS SURROUNDED BY OTHER BUSINESSES SO IT WILL IN  
8 NO WAY HARM ACTON'S RURAL LIFESTYLE SINCE IT IS ALREADY  
9 DEVELOPED COMMERCIAL PROPERTY AND IT IS LOCATED AWAY FROM  
10 RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS AND RANCHES. I DO NOT LIKE GETTING  
11 OUT OF MY VEHICLE AFTER DARK. I PREFER THE DRIVE-THRU. IS THAT  
12 ONE MINUTE? OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I CALL UP GARY LUBBEN. OKAY. COME UP. AND  
15 THEN ALBERT IS GOING TO SPEAK NEXT. AND THEN JACQUELINE AYER.

16

17 **ALBERT AQUINO:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ALBERT. AND I'VE BEEN WORKING  
18 AT PRIMO'S FOR A COUPLE YEARS NOW. IT'S A FAMILY-OWNED  
19 RESTAURANT AND I'M CLEARLY IN FAVOR FOR THE RESTAURANT TO OPEN  
20 IN ACTON, SEEING AS THEY NEED MORE VARIETY OUT THERE. IT'S A  
21 NICE LITTLE TOWN AND YES THERE ARE HORSES. AND I DON'T SEE THE  
22 REASON FOR THEM TO BE RIDING AROUND THE FREEWAY AREA TO BEGIN  
23 WITH. BUT, LIKE I SAID, MORE VARIETY. AND I HOPE EVERYTHING  
24 GOES WELL.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SIR.

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3    **ALBERT AQUINO:** THANK YOU.

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5    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND MAY I ALSO CALL UP PAM WOLTER.

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7    **PAM WOLTER:** I'M PAM WOLTER.

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9    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. LET ME CALL UP GLEN SEEGER. YOU'RE ON,  
10 PAM.

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12    **PAM WOLTER:** THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK TODAY. I AM PAM  
13 WOLTER, A MEMBER OF THE ACTON TOWN COUNCIL. I AM ALSO  
14 PRESIDENT OF OUR LOCAL ACTON-AQUA DULCE BROKERS ASSOCIATION.  
15 I'VE BEEN A RESIDENT OF ACTON FOR 25 YEARS. WE LIVED IN SANTA  
16 CLARITA IN CANYON COUNTRY PRIOR TO THAT. AND MY HUSBAND AND I  
17 DECIDED FOR THE SAKE OF OUR FAMILY THAT WE WANTED TO MOVE TO A  
18 RURAL COMMUNITY. SO FOR THAT REASON ALONE WE WANTED TO GET OUT  
19 OF THE URBAN SITUATION WITH ALL THE HEAVY TRAFFIC. AND I AM A  
20 REALTOR, SO I UNDERSTAND DEVELOPMENT. I AM NOT OPPOSED TO  
21 DEVELOPMENT. I LOVE THE FACT THAT MY NEIGHBORS ARE PEOPLE THAT  
22 I KNOW AND I'M ABLE TO GREET THEM AROUND TOWN AT ALL THE LOCAL  
23 BUSINESSES THAT ARE THERE ALREADY. WE ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO  
24 THE PRIMO BURGER DRIVE-THRU. ACTON ALREADY HAS THREE DRIVE-  
25 THRU FOR FAST-FOOD RESTAURANTS WHICH PULL MANY CARS OFF THE



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1 FREEWAY EVERY DAY. WE ALL KNOW WHAT THE STUDY SAYS. THE  
2 RESIDENTS OF ACTON HAVE CLEARLY SPOKEN BY THE 1,000,  
3 SIGNATURES, SIGNED SIGNATURES AND PETITIONS WE HAVE SUBMITTED  
4 TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND I UNDERSTAND MY TIME IS UP.  
5 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR OR YES, MA'AM.

8

9 **ELIZABETH BILLET:** ELIZABETH BILLET, AND I WANT TO O DONATE MY  
10 NAME TO TOM COSTAN WHO IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE ACTON TOWN  
11 COUNCIL. HE'LL BE COMING UP LATER.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. TOM WILL GET TWO WHEN HE COMES UP.  
14 YOU'RE GLEN, RIGHT? LET ME ALSO CALL UP BRITNEY MUSGROVE. AND  
15 YUL GEVARGIS. YES, SIR.

16

17 **GARY LUBBEN:** MY NAME IS GARY LUBBEN I WAS CALLED EARLIER. I'VE  
18 BEEN A RESIDENT OF ACTON FOR ABOUT 16 YEARS. I AM ALSO THE  
19 OWNER OF A BROKER AND REAL ESTATE COMPANY CALLED R.A.R.  
20 REALTY. IN ADDITION I'M PRESIDENT OF THE ACTON CHAMBER OF  
21 COMMERCE. BUT TODAY I'M HERE REPRESENTING MYSELF AND MY  
22 OPINIONS. I ALSO REPRESENT SEVERAL OTHER BOARD MEMBERS THAT  
23 COULD NOT BE PRESENT HERE TODAY THAT HAVE STRONG SUPPORT FOR  
24 THE PROJECT. I SUPPORT THE PRIMO BURGER COUNTRY CLUB PROJECT  
25 AND SUPPORT THE DRIVE-THRU THAT HAS BEEN PROPOSED. BUT MOST OF



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1 THE DISCUSSION ABOUT THE DRIVE-THRU ELEMENT HAS HAD TO DO WITH  
2 FREEWAY TRAFFIC AND SAFETY. MY SUPPORT COMES FROM NOT ONLY  
3 PERSONAL CONVENIENCE BUT ALSO FROM THE EASE OF USE FOR THE  
4 HANDICAPPED. AND WE HAVE MANY VETERANS AND HANDICAPPED PEOPLE  
5 IN THE ACTON AREA THAT CAN CERTAINLY BENEFIT BY NOT HAVING TO  
6 GET OUT OF THEIR CARS TO GO INTO A QUALITY RESTAURANT AND  
7 ENJOY THEIR MENU. ALSO ANOTHER GENTLEMAN MENTIONED EARLIER  
8 FROM LANCASTER ABOUT THE FAMILIES THAT HAVE SMALL CHILDREN AND  
9 HAVE TO DRAG THEM IN AND OUT OF CAR SEATS TO GET INTO A  
10 RESTAURANT WOULD BENEFIT FROM THAT. I MYSELF HAVE HAD FOUR  
11 MAJOR SURGERIES ON KNEES AND HIPS AND CERTAINLY ENJOY A GOOD  
12 DRIVE-THRU WHEN I NEED TO FIND GOOD FOOD. ONE OF MY OTHER  
13 PRIMARY CONCERNS IS AS A REALTOR, A BROKER, IS THAT IT HAS A  
14 LOT TO DO WITH WHAT I SEE. I SEE A STEADY DECAY OF THE  
15 PROPERTY VALUES IN OUR TOWN.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOUR TIME IS UP NOW. TIME IS FAST. SO SAY  
18 YOUR PRAYERS EVERY NIGHT. THANK YOU.

19

20 **JACQUELINE AYER:** MY NAME IS JACQUELINE AYER. I'M WITH THE  
21 ACTON TOWN COUNCIL. THE ACTON TOWN COUNCIL URGES YOU TO  
22 APPROVE THE RESTAURANT AND THE FEED STORE BUT WITHOUT THE  
23 DRIVE-THRU. THE TRAFFIC ANALYSIS DONE FOR THIS PROJECT SHOWS  
24 THAT WITH THE DRIVE-THRU, THE TRAFFIC LOAD AT ACTON'S  
25 INTERSECTIONS WILL INCREASE TO THE POINT WHERE TRAFFIC SIGNAL





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1 WARRANT LEVELS ARE EXCEEDED. IT WAS NOT JUST ONE DATA POINT  
2 THAT SHOWS THIS. IT GIVES RISE TO THESE CIRCUMSTANCES FOR  
3 EVERY TIMEFRAME STUDIED, 7 A.M., PEAK A.M., 4 P.M., 5 P.M.,  
4 PEAK P.M., PUBLIC WORKS HAS ALL THESE STUDIES AND THEY'RE  
5 AWARE OF THESE FACTS. THE DRIVE-THRU FACILITIES ARE CONTRARY  
6 TO THE ADOPTED TOWN AND COUNTRY PLAN AND WOULD REQUIRE A PLAN  
7 AMENDMENT IF THEY ARE ACTUALLY APPROVED. THE A.V. TOWN AND  
8 COUNTRY PLAN STATES THAT DEVELOPMENT THAT WOULD REQUIRE THE  
9 INSTALLATION OF URBAN INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS TRAFFIC SIGNALS  
10 DOES NOT FIT WITHIN ACTON'S UNIQUE RURAL CHARACTER AND  
11 IDENTITY. THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLAN DOES NOT PRECLUDE TRAFFIC  
12 SIGNALS, BUT RATHER IT PRECLUDES THE DEVELOPMENTS LIKE THIS  
13 THAT WARRANT TRAFFIC SIGNALS. FOR THIS REASON, THE ACTON TOWN  
14 COUNCIL AGAIN URGES YOU TO APPROVE THE FEED STORE WITH THE  
15 RESTAURANT BUT WITHOUT THE DRIVE-THRU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16  
17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME ALSO CALL UP  
18 THOMAS COSTAN. I GUESS THAT WAS THE GENTLEMAN WHO WAS GIVEN 2  
19 MINUTES. YES, SIR.

20  
21 **GLEN SEEGER:** MY NAME IS GLEN SEEGER, AND I'VE BEEN AN ACTON  
22 RESIDENT FOR OVER 20 YEARS. I SUPPORT PRIMO RESTAURANT WITH A  
23 DRIVE-THRU. THE KIND OF QUALITY FOOD THAT PRIMO SERVES IS NOT  
24 THE TYPE THAT FREEWAY COMMUTERS ARE LOOKING FOR WHEN THEY HOP  
25 ON AND OFF THE FREEWAY. IT IS BIG, IT'S MESSY AND FOR ANYTHING



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1 OTHER THAN A BURGER, YOU USUALLY WOULD HAVE TO TAKE IT HOME OR  
2 TO YOUR OFFICE TO EAT IT. IN ADDITION TO THE PRIMO DRIVE-THRU,  
3 IT TAKES A WHILE TO GET THROUGH, WHICH IS AN ADDITIONAL  
4 HINDRANCE TO FREEWAY COMMUTERS WHO ARE USED TO GETTING THEIR  
5 FOOD IN 5 MINUTES OR LESS FROM PLACES LIKE MCDONALD'S. THIS IS  
6 A LOCAL BUSINESS. AND ONE THAT COMMUTERS WON'T KNOW ABOUT,  
7 WHICH IS WHY IT'S CLEAR THAT DESPITE ITS LOCATION NEAR THE  
8 FREEWAY, IT IS NOT A FREEWAY SERVING BUSINESS. THERE'S  
9 ACTUALLY ANOTHER LOCALLY SERVING DRIVE-THRU IN TOWN.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

12

13 **BRITNEY MUSGROVE:** MY NAME IS BRITNEY MUSGROVE. I'VE WORKED AT  
14 COUNTRY CLUB FEED FOR TEN YEARS AND I'VE BEEN AN ACTON  
15 RESIDENT FOR 13. I WOULD LIKE TO REITERATE THAT THE TRAFFIC  
16 STUDY WAS GIVEN A GRADE A ON THE STUDY AND THAT THERE WAS NO  
17 MAJOR IMPACT. THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF MY TIME AT COUNTRY CLUB  
18 FEED. I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PUT MYSELF THROUGH COLLEGE TO NOW  
19 EVENTUALLY OBTAIN MY MASTER'S IN BUSINESS. THROUGHOUT THE  
20 COUNTLESS HOURS THAT I'VE SPENT STUDYING, I OFTEN FOUND MYSELF  
21 STARVING AND LOOKING FOR THE CLOSEST PLACE TO EAT. OF COURSE  
22 WE HAVE MCDONALD'S AND JACK IN THE BOX WITH THE DRIVE-THRU  
23 BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW I'M NOT ABOUT TO GET OUT INTO THE  
24 RESTAURANT WITH MY SWEAT PANTS AND RAGGED HAIR. SO OF COURSE  
25 THOSE AREN'T THE MOST HEALTH CONSCIOUS PLACES, EXCEPT PRIMO



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1 BURGER OFFERS MEALS THAT ARE HEALTH CONSCIOUS AND MADE WHEN  
2 YOU ORDER. I SPEND MOST OF MY TIME AT THE FEED STORE AS MOST  
3 PEOPLE WHO WORK FULL-TIME AND I CAN ATTEST THAT THE CUSTOMER  
4 THAT IS I TALK TO 5, 10, SOMETIMES 30 MINUTES A DAY AND HOURS  
5 ON END ARE NOT OUT OF THE NORMAL FOR PEOPLE DISCUSSING ABOUT  
6 THEIR PASSION ON THIS PROJECT AND HOW THEY ADAMANTLY APPROVE  
7 IT. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. KATHERINE TUCKER? KATHERINE'S  
10 HERE. AND SANDRA MADSEN? YOU'RE ON.

11

12 **YUL GEVARGAS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS YUL GEVARGAS. I'VE  
13 BEEN A RESIDENT OF ANTELOPE VALLEY FOR THE PAST 45 YEARS,  
14 BEGINNING WITH LOCKHEED, AND THEN I HAD THE PLEASURE OF HAVING  
15 A RESTAURANT FOR 15 YEARS, LOUISIANA HOUSE JAZZ AND BLUES  
16 CLUB, SO I'M QUITE FAMILIAR WITH THE PAINS AND AGONIES THAT A  
17 RESTAURANT OWNER COULD GO THROUGH JUST TO MAKE THE ENDS MEET,  
18 ESPECIALLY NOW WITH THE SALARIES GOING TO UP \$15 MINIMUM NOW.  
19 15 TO 20 PERCENT OF THE REVENUES ARE GENERATED BY THE DRIVE-  
20 THRU SO IT'S JUST A MATTER OF SURVIVAL. BUT BESIDE THAT, THE  
21 FOOD, THE MENU IS AWESOME. NOW ONE MORE THING. IF YOU RECALL  
22 SIX YEARS AGO, WE HAD THE SNOW AND THE ACTON AND RED ROVER  
23 LINE WAS BLOCKED. WE TOOK THE TRAIN. BY GOLLY, IMAGINE MOM  
24 WITH THREE KIDS WANT TO GO GET SOME FOOD QUICK AND THEY HAVE  
25 TO GET OUT OF THEIR CAR IN THAT WINDY AREA. ACTON IS VERY



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1 WINDY AND COLD. BY THE WAY ONE MORE THING. 93 PERCENT OF THE  
2 RESIDENTS OF ACTON LIVE ABOUT 2 MILES SOUTH OF THAT  
3 INTERSECTION. THAT'S PROBABLY LESS THAN 7 PERCENT LIVING IN  
4 ACTON AND SIERRA HIGHWAY. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, THOMAS. YOU HAVE TWO  
7 MINUTES.

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9 **THOMAS COSTAN:** MY NAME IS TOM COSTAN. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF  
10 ACTON TOWN COUNCIL. MY STORY IS LIKE MANY YOU HEARD TODAY. TEN  
11 YEARS AGO, I MOVED MY FAMILY TO ACTON FOR THE PEACE, SERENITY  
12 AND BEAUTY OF THE WIDE OPEN SPACES. IT IS OFTEN SAID, ONE  
13 DOESN'T KNOW WHAT ONE HAS UNTIL IT'S FEARED IT WILL BE LOST.  
14 THAT EXPLAINS MY INVOLVEMENT ACTON TOWN COUNCIL. I RAN FOR  
15 OFFICE IN NOVEMBER OF 2014 WITH A PLEDGE TO PROTECT ACTON'S  
16 RURAL LIFESTYLE. MY INTENTIONS OF KEEPING ACTON RURAL WERE  
17 WELL KNOWN. I WROTE SEVERAL EDITORIALS THAT WERE PUBLISHED IN  
18 LOCAL NEWSPAPERS. I WAS NOT ALONE IN MY POSITION. JACKIE AYER,  
19 PAM WOLTER, CHRIS CROISDALE, KATHERINE TUCKER ALSO HELD  
20 SIMILAR POSITIONS. WE WERE ALL ELECTED BY A LARGE MARGIN THIS  
21 ELECTION, EFFECTIVELY CHANGED THE MAKEUP OF THE TOWN COUNCIL  
22 TO 1 IN 10 ON PROTECTING ACTON'S RURAL PROFILE. IT'S IMPORTANT  
23 TO NOTE THAT NOT ONE COMMUNITY MEMBER APPLIED FOR THE COUNCIL  
24 DURING THE NOVEMBER 2015 ELECTION CYCLE. THE ACTON TOWN  
25 COUNCIL HAS THE OVERWHELMING SUPPORT OF OUR COMMUNITY AND ACTS



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1 ONLY ON ITS BEHALF. THE ACTON TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE  
2 COUNTRY CLUB FEED STORE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE RESTAURANT,  
3 JUST NOT THE DRIVE-THRU FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS. THE DRIVE-  
4 THRU IS CLEARLY DESIGNED TO BE FREEWAY SERVING WITH THE INTENT  
5 OF DRAWING COMMUTER TRAFFIC ON THE 14 FREEWAY AND SIERRA  
6 HIGHWAY. ALSO, THE RESTAURANT IS WELL KNOWN IN PALMDALE-  
7 LANCASTER SO IT WILL DRAW THOSE PEOPLE, AS WELL. CROWN VALLEY,  
8 SIERRA HIGHWAY INTERSECTION AS A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF  
9 COMMUTER SERVING BUSINESSES ALREADY. THREE GAS STATIONS WITH  
10 CONVENIENCE STORES. FOUR FAST-FOOD RESTAURANTS. ONE LARGE  
11 RESTAURANT AND OTHER LOCAL BUSINESSES. THE ADDITIONAL DRIVE-  
12 THRU MEANS MORE TRAFFIC FOR THIS ALREADY CONGESTED AREA. THE  
13 HIGH DESERT MIDDLE SCHOOL IS ADJACENT TO THE 14 FREEWAY'S ON  
14 AND OFF RAMPS THAT THE CUSTOMERS WILL USE TO ACCESS PRIMO  
15 BURGER. THE ADDITIONAL 10 PERCENT TRAFFIC INCREASE OR 1600  
16 VEHICLE TRIPS PER DAY WILL PUT OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN AT  
17 ADDITIONAL RISK. OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN MUST CROSS TWO FREEWAY  
18 RAMPS, SIERRA HIGHWAY WHEN WALKING TO OR FROM ACCESSING THE  
19 PUBLIC LIBRARY NORTH OF SIERRA HIGHWAY. BOTH THE PRESIDENT AND  
20 VICE PRESIDENT OF ACTON AQUA DULCE SCHOOL BOARD HAVE WRITTEN  
21 AND SUBMITTED LETTERS TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OPPOSING  
22 ADDITIONAL FREEWAY SERVING BUSINESSES IN THE PROJECT AREA DUE  
23 TO THE SAFETY CONCERN AND LACK OF TRAFFIC MITIGATION MEASURES.  
24 ACTON TOWN COUNCIL ASKS THAT YOU DENY THE DRIVE-THRU. THANK  
25 YOU.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SIR. LARRY VAN LOON? AND JOYCE  
3 BETTS? YES, MA'AM.

4

5 **KATHERINE TUCKER:** HI, I'M KATHERINE TUCKER AND I'VE BEEN ON  
6 THE ACTON TOWN COUNCIL FOR EIGHT YEARS AND I'VE BEEN A  
7 RESIDENT OF ACTON FOR 14 YEARS. ACTON IS A DESIGNATED RURAL  
8 COMMUNITY. MOST RESIDENTS MOVE HERE TO GET AWAY FROM THE CITY.  
9 IF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OVERRULES THE PLANNING  
10 COMMISSION'S WELL THOUGHT OUT DECISION TO APPROVE THE PROJECT  
11 WITHOUT THE DRIVE-THRU AT THE RESTAURANT, THEY ARE OPENING THE  
12 DOOR TO MANY OTHER DEVELOPMENTS WHO WANT TO SITE THEIR  
13 BUSINESSES NEXT TO THE 14 FREEWAY. WE ALREADY HAVE HAD  
14 STARBUCKS, TACO BELL, RITE AID AND PANDA APPROACH THE TOWN  
15 COUNCIL WITH DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS WHICH INCLUDE DRIVE-THRU  
16 WINDOWS. IF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVES THIS PROJECT  
17 WITH A DRIVE-THRU THEY WILL BE VIOLATING THE REQUIREMENTS OF  
18 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY GENERAL PLAN AND WILL DESTROY THE RURAL  
19 COMMUNITY OF ACTON. WE ARE NOT OPPOSED TO THE PROJECT, BUT WE  
20 WANT TO MAKE SURE IT IS APPROVED IN A WAY THAT WON'T ALTER THE  
21 RURAL LIFESTYLE OF THE ACTON COMMUNITY. AS IS REQUIRED BY THE  
22 ACTON VALLEY GENERAL PLAN. THANK YOU.

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. LET ME ALSO CALL UP-- WE  
2   HAVE SUSAN BAYER HERE, RIGHT? SUSAN BAYER? YES, WHOEVER WANTS  
3   TO GO NEXT.

4

5   **SANDRA MADSEN:** MY NAME IS SANDY MADSEN AND I MOVED WITH MY  
6   HUSBAND 26 YEARS AGO TO ACTON. WHEN WE MOVED FROM L.A., WE  
7   KNEW WE DID NOT NECESSARILY HAVE ALL THE CONVENIENCES OF CITY  
8   LIFE AT OUR FINGERTIPS AS MANY PEOPLE HERE SEEM TO THINK WE  
9   SHOULD HAVE. BUT THESE WERE AVAILABLE AND STILL ARE WITH A  
10  SHORT DRIVE. THE UPSIDE OF THIS WAS THAT WE GOT TO PRESERVE  
11  THE RURAL NATURE OF OUR SMALL TOWN. THERE AREN'T MANY LEFT IN  
12  URBAN AREAS LIKE LOS ANGELES. ONE OF OUR CHALLENGES IN OUR  
13  SMALL CONCERNED COMMUNITY IS THAT WE'VE HAD TO FIGHT HARD FOR  
14  THE PRESERVATION OF OUR LIFESTYLE AS PROPERTY ALONG SIERRA  
15  HIGHWAY AND CONSEQUENTLY THE 14 FREEWAY WHICH INTERSECTS OUR  
16  COMMUNITY OR BISECTS OUR COMMUNITY BECOMES FOR SALE. AND  
17  INTERESTED BUSINESSES SUCH AS FAST-FOOD RESTAURANTS WANT TO  
18  BUILD THERE. AND MAKE NO MISTAKE: NO BUSINESS WANTS TO COME  
19  THERE IF THEY ARE FREEWAY SUPPORTED WITHOUT A DRIVE-THRU. AND  
20  THIS IS WHY I SUPPORT-- I OPPOSE, RATHER -- I SUPPORT OUR TOWN  
21  COUNCIL'S POSITION AND OPPOSE THE DRIVE-THRU FOR PRIMO BURGER.  
22  THANK YOU.

23

24  **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. YES?

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1   **JOYCE BETTS:** MY NAME IS JOYCE BETTS, I'VE BEEN AN ACTON  
2   RESIDENT AND HOMEOWNER FOR 13 YEARS AND I OWN PROPERTY THAT'S  
3   VERY CLOSE TO THE AREA IN QUESTION. AND I'M CURIOUS IF I COULD  
4   HAVE A SHOW OF HANDS OF THE SUPERVISORS HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE  
5   ACTUALLY STOOD ON THE CORNER OF ANTELOPE WOODS AND CROWN  
6   VALLEY AND LOOKED AT TRAFFIC WHEN OUR KIDS ARE BEING DROPPED  
7   OFF AT THE JUNIOR HIGH AND PICKED UP IN THE AFTERNOON OR WHEN  
8   THEY'RE WALKING? BECAUSE I DID THAT. I FIGURED YOU DID,  
9   SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. I ACTUALLY DID THAT EIGHT YEARS AGO.  
10   AND I CAN TELL YOU IT HASN'T CHANGED SINCE THEN FOR THE  
11   BETTER. SO I URGE YOU TO LISTEN TO THOSE OF US WHO HAVE. WHEN  
12   PARENTS ARE DROPPING THEIR KIDS OFF, THERE ARE CARS BACKED UP  
13   ONTO THE 14 FREEWAY WAITING TO GET OFF TO GO ON THE ANTELOPE  
14   WOODS. I BELIEVE YOUR TRAFFIC STUDY WAS FLAWED BECAUSE IT WAS  
15   DONE ON AUGUST 4TH WHEN SCHOOL WASN'T IN SESSION. SO I URGE  
16   YOU TO UPHOLD THE TOWN COUNCIL'S DECISION TO NOT ALLOW THE  
17   DRIVE-THRU. THANK YOU.

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19   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. RANDY TERRELL YES, SIR.

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21   **LARRY VAN LOON:** MY NAME IS LARRY VAN LOON, I'VE BEEN AN ACTON  
22   RESIDENT FOR 20 YEARS ALONG WITH MY WIFE WHO WORKS AT THE  
23   LOCAL LIBRARY THERE. SHE GETS OFF LATE A LOT OF TIMES, SO WE  
24   DO A LOT OF EATING OUT. AND FRANKLY I'M JUST TIRED OF THE SAME  
25   OLD STUFF YOU GET FROM MCDONALD'S AND JACK IN THE BOX AND SO



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1 FORTH AND BECAUSE IT'S LATE, WE LIKE TO DRIVE-THRU. AND SO I'M  
2 ALL FOR A DRIVE-THRU. WHATEVER IT TAKES TO HAVE MORE CHOICES,  
3 THAT'S WHAT AMERICA IS ALL ABOUT, LOTS OF CHOICES. WE HAVE SIX  
4 HORSES I'LL TELL YOU A LITTLE STORY REAL QUICK. THERE USED TO  
5 BE AT MCDONALD'S A HITCHING POST. FOLKS WENT OVER THERE. WE  
6 DIDN'T DRIVE-THRU. WE HITCHED UP TO THE HITCHING POST. AND A  
7 FEW MINUTES LATER WE CAME OUT AND THE FOUR HORSES WALKING  
8 AROUND THE PARKING LOT WITH THE HITCHING POST ATTACHED TO  
9 THEM. IT FELL APART, THAT HITCHING POST. THAT WAS TEN YEARS  
10 AGO. IT'S STILL NOT THERE. THERE WAS A HITCHING POST AT THIS  
11 PLACE AND WE LIKE TO SOMETIMES RIDE THROUGH THE DRIVE-THRU.  
12 THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DOES YOUR WIFE LIKE THE LIBRARY?

15

16 **LARRY VAN LOON:** SHE LOVES IT.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S A GREAT LIBRARY AND GREAT COMMUNITY.

19

20 **LARRY VAN LOON:** YEAH, IT'S GREAT HAVING A LIBRARY IN TOWN.  
21 THAT'S PROGRESS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES, SIR. LET ME ALSO CALL UP COSIMO BARBATO?  
24 YES, MA'AM.

25



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1   **SUSAN BAYER:** MY TURN? MY NAME IS SUSAN BAYER AND I AM A 23-  
2   YEAR RESIDENT AND HOMEOWNER IN ACTON, CALIFORNIA. AGAIN, WE  
3   MOVED THERE TO ESCAPE THE GROWING COMMUNITY OF SANTA CLARITA  
4   BECAUSE I WANTED TO RAISE MY CHILDREN THE WAY I WAS RAISED IN  
5   A COUNTRY LIFESTYLE. WE PURCHASED A HOME NORTH CROWN VALLEY IN  
6   THE CROWN MEADOW ESTATES AREA, WHICH IS-- MAKES THE  
7   INTERSECTION OF CROWN VALLEY AND SIERRA HIGHWAY VERY IMPORTANT  
8   TO ME BECAUSE I GO THROUGH THAT DAILY, SOMETIMES TWO, THREE  
9   TIMES A DAY. WHEN WE PURCHASED THE HOME, MCDONALD'S, A&P, JACK  
10   IN THE BOX WERE ALREADY ESTABLISHED, BUT AT THE TIME THE  
11   FREEWAY TRAFFIC IN 1993 WASN'T WHAT IT IS TODAY. WE'VE SEEN,  
12   AS EVERYBODY ELSE HAS MENTIONED, THAT WITH THE SCHOOL GETTING-  
13   - GOING IN AND OUT OF SESSION AND ALSO THE HEAVY TRAFFIC  
14   DURING PRINTING HOURS, IT'S VERY DIFFICULT FOR US TO GET AND  
15   FROM WHERE WE WANT TO GO TO GET THROUGH THAT INTERSECTION. NOT  
16   ONLY IS THE TRAFFIC AN ISSUE BUT IT'S ALSO THE LITTER. MANY  
17   TIMES--

18

19   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. RUTH BROCK? KATHLEEN TRINITY. YES,  
20   SIR.

21

22   **RANDY TERRELL:** MY NAME IS RANDY TERRELL AND I JUST WANT TO  
23   SAY, WE SUBMITTED 473 LETTERS AND SUPPORTER CARDS, IN SUPPORT  
24   OF PRIMO BURGER WITH A DRIVE-THRU IN ACTON. 80 PERCENT OF  
25   THEM, ABOUT 410 ACTON COMMUNITY CENTER DISTRICT RESIDENTS.



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1 THAT'S WELL OVER THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO VOTED FOR THE TOP  
2 VOTE GETTER IN THE ACTON TOWN COUNCIL ELECTIONS WHICH IS ABOUT  
3 250 SOME ODD PEOPLE. SO I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT THERE'S NOT  
4 THOUSANDS OF PETITIONS AGAINST. IF THERE WERE, THEY HAVEN'T  
5 BEEN RECORDED. THEY HAVEN'T BEEN SUBMITTED. AND THIS PRIMO  
6 DRIVE-THRU IS NOT A PRECEDENT. IT'S JUST A SMALL BUSINESS  
7 OWNER TRYING TO COMPETE WITH A DRIVE-THRU. AND IN AUGUST 2014,  
8 THE TOWN COUNCIL, BEFORE ANY TACO BELL DRAMA, THE TOWN COUNCIL  
9 ACTUALLY VOTED FOR THE PRIMO WITH THE DRIVE-THRU AFTER MONTHS  
10 OF HEARINGS. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, SIR.

13

14 **COSIMO BARBATO:** HI, MY NAME'S COSIMO BARBATO AND THERE HAVE  
15 BEEN OVER 500 WHO HAVE SIGNED LETTER OR CARDS IN SUPPORT OF  
16 PRIMO. THE RESIDENTS CLEARLY SUPPORT PRIMO WITH THE DRIVE-THRU  
17 AND I THINK YOU SHOULD SUPPORT IT, TOO. THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP JUAN MARQUEZ  
20 AND CHRISTOPHER CROISDALE. YES, MA'AM.

21

22 **RUTH BROCK:** MY NAME IS RUTHIE BROCK AND I'VE LIVED IN ACTON  
23 FOR 24 YEARS. I FEEL THE PEOPLE OF ACTON HAVE SPOKEN BOTH  
24 LOUDLY AND CLEARLY WITH OUR SUPPORT OF THE A.V. GENERAL PLAN  
25 LAST YEAR AND ALSO THE ACTON COMMUNITY STANDARDS PUT IN PLACE



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1 OVER 20 YEARS AGO. OVER 1100 PETITIONS HAVE BEEN COLLECTED  
2 AGAINST DRIVE-THRUS OVER THE LAST EIGHT MONTHS IN ACTON. AND  
3 IN A SURVEY BY OUR LOCAL PAPER, 85 PERCENT OF THE RESPONDENTS  
4 WERE OPPOSED TO DRIVE-THRUS AND FREEWAY-SERVING DEVELOPMENT.  
5 RECENTLY OUR COMMUNITY CAME FORTH TO REAFFIRM OUR POSITION  
6 WHEN A TACO BELL WITH A DRIVE-THRU WAS PROPOSED IN THE ALREADY  
7 BUSY CROWN VALLEY C.R. HIGHWAY AREA, AND UPON APPEAL THE BOARD  
8 OF SUPERVISORS APPROVED THE PROJECT WITHOUT THE DRIVE-THRU. AT  
9 THAT TIME THAT WAS STATED THIS WOULD BE A PRECEDENT FOR FUTURE  
10 PROJECTS OF THIS TYPE. THE PRIMO BURGER PROJECT FALLS UNDER  
11 THIS DESCRIPTION MERELY BY THE BUSINESS OWNER STATING THAT  
12 THERE IS A NECESSITY OF A DRIVE-THRU TO ENSURE HIS BUSINESS  
13 SUCCEEDS. ACTON IS NOT IN A POSITION TO PICK AND CHOOSE WHICH  
14 PROPOSED BUSINESSES WE ALLOW TO HAVE A DRIVE-THRU AND WHICH WE  
15 DO NOT. TO DO SO WOULD BE DISCRIMINATORY AND PROBABLY RESULT  
16 IN LEGAL ISSUES AND MOST LIKELY LEAVE ACTON VERY VULNERABLE TO  
17 UNCONTROLLED FUTURE GROWTH.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. KEVIN LEON. YES, MA'AM.

20

21 **KATHLEEN TRINITY:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M KATHLEEN TRINITY FROM  
22 ACTON. THE MAJORITY OF ACTON RESIDENTS WISH TO PROTECT OUR  
23 RURAL IDENTITY AND LIFESTYLE BECAUSE FOR US THIS MEANS QUALITY  
24 OF LIFE. WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO HAVE A RESTAURANT IN ACTON THAT  
25 SERVES THE COMMUNITY, NOT THE FREEWAY TRAFFIC. THIS MEANS THAT



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1 ANY RESTAURANT THAT IS ADJACENT TO THE FREEWAY WOULD NOT HAVE  
2 A DRIVE-THRU BECAUSE IT WOULD THEN BECOME FREEWAY SERVING,  
3 INCREASING HIGHWAY ON SIERRA HIGHWAY AND CROWN VALLEY ROAD.  
4 SINCE SIERRA HIGHWAY IS ONE OF THE TWO MAIN THOROUGHFARES IN  
5 ACTON, WITH HOMES TO THE NORTH AND SOUTH, A SCHOOL TO THE  
6 EAST, OUR QUALITY OF LIFE WOULD DETERIORATE. THE INCREASED  
7 TRAFFIC IN AREA WOULD CAUSE EQUESTRIANS TO STOP RIDING THEIR  
8 HORSES DUE TO THE DANGERS OF HEAVY TRAFFIC. WE'RE NOT OPPOSED  
9 TO COMMUNITY-SERVING BUSINESSES THAT UPHOLD THE INTEGRITY OF  
10 OUR COMMUNITY, BUT FREEWAY SERVING DRIVE-THRUS THWART THE WILL  
11 OF THE COMMUNITY AND WOULD MEAN THE LOSS OF OUR NATURAL  
12 IDENTITY AND RURAL DESIGNATION. WE HAVE OVER 1,000 SIGNATURES  
13 ASKING YOU TO PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE THE DRIVE-THRU. THANK YOU.

14  
15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. ELVIA VENEZUELA? YES, SIR.

16  
17 **JUAN MARQUEZ:** MY NAME IS JUAN MARQUEZ, CO-OWNER OF PRIMO  
18 BURGERS. TWO YEARS AGO WE APPLIED AND WENT TO THE MEETINGS  
19 WITH THE COMMUNITY OF ACTON AND THEY APPROVED OUR PROJECT TWO  
20 YEARS AGO. AFTER THAT WE STARTED GOING THROUGH WITH THE  
21 STUDIES AND ALL THE PROCEDURES THAT THE COUNCIL ASKED TO DO  
22 IT, AND TWO MONTHS AFTER THEY DENY OUR PROJECT. AND WE JUST  
23 APPEAL. AND WE WANT YOU GUYS TO SUPPORT TO OPEN OUR  
24 RESTAURANT. WE TRY WORK FOR THE COMMUNITY. WE'RE THERE TO  
25 SERVE OUR COMMUNITY



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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

3

4 **JUAN MARQUEZ:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. MARIA ZEROUNIAN YES, SIR.

7

8 **CHRISTOPHER CROISDALE:** I'M CHRIS CROISDALE OF ACTON. I'D LIKE  
9 TO READ THIS IN VERY QUICKLY. WE ASK THAT CONDITION 19 BE  
10 MODIFIED TO ALLOW ONLY USES THAT ARE CONSISTENT WITH SPECIALTY  
11 RETAIL. PUBLIC WORKS PLACED IN THE RECORD A LIST OF SUCH USES  
12 ITEMIZED UPON PAGE 1. THE USES ITEMIZED ON PAGE 2, WHICH ARE  
13 NOT CONSISTENT WITH SPECIALTY RETAIL, SHOULD REQUIRE A NEW  
14 C.U.P. WITH THAT SAID, I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT THE PULSE AND  
15 THE TEMPERATURE IS ALIVE AND WELL IN ACTON AND HASN'T CHANGED.  
16 I BELIEVE THAT THE DECISION HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE BY THE  
17 PLANNING DEPARTMENT. AND WE'D LIKE TO SEE IT REITERATED HERE  
18 TODAY. AGAIN, OUR PROBLEM IS NOT WITH THE RESTAURANT. IT IS  
19 NOT WITH THE USES, RETAIL BUILDING. IT'S STRICTLY THE DRIVE-  
20 THRU AND THAT'S REALLY WHAT IT'S COME DOWN TO. AND I WOULD SAY  
21 THAT IF YOU LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE OF ACTON WITH PEOPLE, NOT  
22 WITH THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE A FINANCIAL GAIN HERE, PEOPLE THAT  
23 ARE GOING TO MAYBE HAVE A JOB THAT THEY CAN ACCESS AND HAVE  
24 NEW WORK, BUT JUST THE PEOPLE OF ACTON EVEN ON BOTH SIDES I  
25 THINK THE DECISION WILL BE MADE PROPERLY. THANK YOU.





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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP FELIPE  
3 MARQUEZ.

4

5 **KEVIN LEON:** MY NAME IS KEVIN LEON. THE PRIMO DRIVE-THRU WILL  
6 HAVE NO FREEWAY-VISIBLE SIGNAGE AND YOU CANNOT SEE IT UNTIL  
7 YOU DRIVE PAST IT ON BOTH SIDES. IT WILL SERVE ACTON RESIDENTS  
8 AND I SUPPORT THE DRIVE-THRU. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. CARLOS MARQUEZ AND DEBBIE BURTON.  
11 YES, MA'AM.

12

13 **ELVIA VALENZUELA:** HI, MY NAME IS ELVIA VALENZUELA AND I HAVE A  
14 NOTARIZED LETTER FROM A FORMER ACTON TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER THAT  
15 I WOULD LIKE TO READ ON HIS BEHALF. HIS NAME IS DARDEN KEITH  
16 WHITE. AS A COUNCIL MEMBER, THE FOCUS OF MY VOTING DECISIONS  
17 ON ADDENDUM ITEMS BEFORE THE COUNCIL WAS BASED ON THE INPUT  
18 FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. AS IT RELATES TO THE PRIMO  
19 RESTAURANT, COUNTRY CLUB FEED STORE PROPOSAL, I WAS ATTENTIVE  
20 AND LISTENED AS NUMEROUS COMMUNITY MEMBERS CLEARLY VOICED  
21 THEIR SUPPORT OF THE DRIVE-THRU COMPONENT TO PRIMO RESTAURANT  
22 DURING A SPECIFIC COUNCIL MEETING APPROXIMATELY ONE MONTH  
23 BEFORE A VOTE THAT WAS TAKEN. DURING THE AFOREMENTIONED  
24 MEETING, NO COMMUNITY MEMBERS SPOKE IN OPPOSITION TO THE  
25 PROPOSAL. WHEN THE INITIAL VOTE TO CONSIDER THE DRIVE-THRU



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1 COMPONENT FOR PRIMO RESTAURANT WAS TAKEN, THERE WERE ONLY SIX  
2 COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT. THE VOTE THAT EVENING WAS 4-2 IN FAVOR  
3 OF PRIMO'S PROPOSAL. I CAN ATTEST THAT FROM PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE  
4 THAT AT LEAST ONE OF THE ABSENT COUNCILMEMBERS IF PRESENT  
5 WOULD HAVE ALSO VOTED IN FAVOR OF THE PROJECT. I THOUGHT OUR  
6 DECISION WAS BINDING. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES, SIR.

9

10 **FELIPE MARQUEZ:** HELLO. MY NAME IS FELIPE MARQUEZ. LET ME TELL  
11 JUST YOU ABOUT THE WEATHER IN PALMDALE AND LANCASTER. LAST  
12 WEEK IT WAS 112. IN THE WINTER IT GETS UNDER 20. SO YOU THINK  
13 ABOUT THAT WHEN YOU GO BY AND YOU WANT TO USE OUR DRIVE-THRU.  
14 IT'S A GREAT CONVENIENCE. BELIEVE ME THAT THE PEOPLE THAT  
15 OPPOSE THIS DRIVE-THRU ARE THE SAME PEOPLE THAT WE SEE IN OUR  
16 DRIVE-THRUS IN THE OTHER LOCATIONS. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MITCHELL LAFFERTY. MITCHELL? ARNOLD SACHS?  
19 YES, MA'AM.

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21 **MARIA ZEROUNIAN:** MY NAME IS MARIA ZEROUNIAN AND I JUST WANTED  
22 TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION TODAY IN "THE ANTELOPE VALLEY  
23 PRESS" NEWSPAPER, "PRIMO DRIVE-THRU GETS LOCAL SUPPORT." SO  
24 YOU CAN CLEARLY SEE THAT IT DOES HAVE SUPPORT. AND I WANT TO  
25 READ A LETTER TO YOU FROM MR. TOM SKAGGS WHO WAS NOT ABLE TO



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1 ATTEND TODAY. HE LIVES IN ACTON AT 33539 WISTY AVENUE. "DEAR  
2 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AND FELLOW SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS TOM  
3 SKAGGS, ACTON RESIDENT. I SUPPORT PRIMO BURGER WITH A DRIVE-  
4 THRU IN ACTON. I GO TO WORK EVERY DAY AND OFTEN GET FOOD AT  
5 MCDONALD'S OR JACK IN THE BOX ON MY WAY HOME. I WOULD MUCH  
6 RATHER HAVE THE OPTION OF PRIMO BECAUSE THEY HAVE BETTER FOOD  
7 AND MORE OPTIONS. AT THE END OF THE DAY I AM TIRED AND DO NOT  
8 FEEL LIKE GETTING OUT OF MY CAR SO THE DRIVE-THRU IS A HUGE  
9 CONVENIENCE. WE HAVE HAD THE SAME DRIVE-THRU FOOD FOR A LONG  
10 TIME AND IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE ANOTHER OPTION. THE PRIMO  
11 BURGER WOULD BE NEXT TO JACK IN THE BOX ANYWAY AND NOT HAVE  
12 FREEWAY SIGNAGE SO I DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD INCREASE TRAFFIC.  
13 PEOPLE WHO NORMALLY GO TO THE JACK IN THE BOX OR MCDONALD'S  
14 WOULD GO RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO PRIMOS. THANK YOU."

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

17

18 **DEBBIE BURTON:** MY NAME IS DEBBIE BURTON. I'VE LIVED IN ACTON  
19 FOR 20 YEARS. I AM FOR THE DRIVE-THRU WINDOW. THIS WILL BRING  
20 JOBS TO ACTON, AND GIVE US AN ALTERNATIVE TO BETTER QUALITY  
21 FOOD. AND THEY MAKE A MEAN GOOD CLUB SANDWICH. I HIGHLY  
22 RECOMMEND IT.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP ERIC PREVEN. YES, SIR.

25



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1 **CARLOS MARQUEZ:** MY NAME IS CARLOS MARQUEZ. I'VE BEEN PART OF  
2 THE PRIMO FAMILY FOR SO MANY YEARS AND BEEN A RESIDENT OF  
3 ANTELOPE VALLEY FOR MORE THAN 22, I CAN STRONGLY AGREE WITH  
4 THE BUILDING OF THIS PRIMO BURGERS AND THE DRIVE-THRU. THE  
5 POSITIVE EFFECT OF THIS, JUST THINK ABOUT IT. WITH THE DRIVE-  
6 THRU WE CAN HIRE MORE THAN FROM 8 TO 10 MORE PEOPLE JUST TO  
7 WORK ON THAT DRIVE-THRU ALONE WHICH DOESN'T INCLUDE THE  
8 YOUNGSTERS OR SOME PEOPLE IN ACTON. SO THIS IS BENEFICIAL TO  
9 ACTUALLY HAVE THE DRIVE-THRU. SHORT STORY. OVER 20 YEARS AGO,  
10 JUST OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL 18 YEARS OLD, GOT THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
11 WORK FOR PRIMO BURGERS THANKS TO MR. ZEROUNIAN. I CAN PROBABLY  
12 SAY THAT 20 YEARS LATER I'M PART OF THE BUSINESS. I'M ALSO AN  
13 OWNER. AND WHO KNOWS? PROBABLY THOSE KIDS THAT ARE CROSSING  
14 THE RAMP-- NOT THE RAMP BUT THE CROSSWALK ALONG THE FREEWAY  
15 COULD BE THE NEXT 10 YEARS THEY COULD BE PART OF THE PRIMO  
16 FAMILY, AS WELL. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. CALL UP HERMAN. YES, SIR.

19

20 **MITCHELL LAFFERTY:** MY NAME IS MITCHELL LAFFERTY. I'VE BEEN IN  
21 ACTON 20 YEARS. I SUPPORT THE PRIMO WITH THE DRIVE-THRU. DOUG  
22 AND JOANNE CHOSE PRIMO BECAUSE IT'S A LOCAL RESTAURANT THAT  
23 WOULD BE GOOD FOR ACTON. I THINK YOU SHOULD APPROVE THE PRIMO  
24 WITH DRIVE-THRU. THAT'S IT.

25



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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. RED CHIEF HUNT.

2

3    **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. GOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. AND  
4    MY QUESTION WOULD BE: FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD IS THERE'S THREE  
5    RESTAURANTS ALREADY IN ACTON THAT HAVE DRIVE-THRUS. IF YOU  
6    DENY THIS DRIVE-THRU PART OF THE RESTAURANT, WOULD THAT OPEN  
7    UP CITY OR THE COUNTY FOR A LAWSUIT BECAUSE YOU'VE ALREADY  
8    SUPERSEDED WHATEVER THE LOCAL REQUIREMENTS ARE BY ALLOWING  
9    THESE PREVIOUS THREE RESTAURANTS TO PUT THEIR DRIVE-THRU IN.  
10   SOME PEOPLE MENTIONED OTHER FRANCHISES LOOKING TO MOVE INTO  
11   ACTON. IS THIS A SITUATION WHERE EACH ONE OF THESE FRANCHISES  
12   IS TAKEN ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS? OR, AGAIN, BECAUSE YOU'VE  
13   OPENED UP THAT CAN OF WORMS THAT ALLOWS FOR THE DRIVE-THRUS  
14   THAT ALREADY EXIST, THAT YOU CAN NO LONGER STUFF THAT CAN SHUT  
15   BECAUSE YOU HAVE TAKEN THAT ACTION TO ALLOW THOSE PREVIOUS  
16   DRIVE-THRUS.

17

18   **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT'S ERIC PREVEN. I'M ACTUALLY FROM THE  
19   THIRD DISTRICT, NOT FROM ACTON. BUT I WILL SAY THIS: THAT A  
20   PRIMO BURGER SOUNDS OUTSTANDING RIGHT ABOUT NOW BECAUSE IT IS  
21   GETTING INTO THE EARLY AFTERNOON, THAT'S FOR STARTERS. AND  
22   THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A RESTAURANT THAT HAS A LOT OF FANS AND THE  
23   COMMUNITY HAS COME OUT AND SHOWN A LOT OF SUPPORT. SO IT IS  
24   NOTED THAT IF IT DOES COME DOWN TO THE FACT THAT THE DRIVE-  
25   THRU IS DENIED, AT LEAST IT IS CLEAR THAT THE COMMUNITY IS



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1 GOING TO USE THE RESTAURANT AND PARTICIPATE AND THEY'RE NOT  
2 GOING TO BALK AT THE HEAT OR THE COLD. THEY WILL GO IN TO GET  
3 A GOOD BURGER. SO THAT'S THE GOOD NEWS. IN TERMS OF THE  
4 DECISION-MAKING, THIS IS WHY MAYOR ANTONOVICH GETS THE BIG  
5 BUCKS, ALTHOUGH NOT FROM PRIMO'S OBVIOUSLY. AND HERE HE HAS A  
6 TOUGH DECISION BECAUSE HE IS A BIG SUPPORTER OF THE COMMUNITY.  
7 BUT WE WERE ALL HERE IN NOVEMBER WHEN HE HAD TO HEAR THE CALL  
8 WHICH WAS THAT IT WOULDN'T BE FAIR AND THAT IT'S A TRAFFICKY  
9 AREA. AND IF WE ALLOW ONE IN, WE HAVE TO DO IT FOR EVERYONE.  
10 SO IT'S A VERY UNFORTUNATE DECISION HE HAS TO MAKE, BUT I HOPE  
11 HE MAKES THE RIGHT DECISION WHICH IS DENY THE DRIVE-THRU, BUT  
12 ACCEPT THE RESTAURANT.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** MS. SOLIS, GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M HERE TO SHOUT OUT ON  
15 BEHALF OF THIS HEARING. PEOPLE NEED TO EAT. THEY NEED  
16 RESTAURANTS. BUT THERE'S A DISCRETION WHEN IT COMES TO  
17 SEPARATION OF BAD PLANNING, POOR JUDGMENT OF BUSINESS. SO AS  
18 THE LAST SPEAKER BROUGHT UP TO MR. ANTONOVICH THINGS CAN  
19 HAPPEN. THINGS CAN CHANGE. SO WITH PUBLIC OUTCRY, YOU HAVE TO  
20 LEVERAGE UPON WHAT THE INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC IN THE  
21 COMMUNITY IS. BECAUSE WHEN I LIVED IN A CONCERNED COMMUNITY  
22 MOST PEOPLE AGREED WITH ME. NOW WHEN I WAS UP IN SACRAMENTO  
23 YESTERDAY, SOME PEOPLE LIKE MR. MARK LENO DIDN'T AGREE WITH  
24 ME. BUT HE HEARD MY PROTEST ON HOMELESSNESS. AND IT WAS A  
25 BEAUTIFUL WARM DAY IN SACRAMENTO. I WISH I COULD HAVE BEEN AT



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1 THAT BURGER JOINT RIGHT NOW WOLFING DOWN A BURGER AND SUCKING  
2 DOWN THAT COLD DRINK.

3

4 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** RED CHIEF HUNT. SEEMS LIKE THE PEOPLE FROM  
5 ACTON CAME OUT AND EXPRESSED, I HEARD A COUPLE VIEWS. ONE  
6 VOICE ABOUT THE DRIVE-THRU AND THE OTHER VOICES ABOUT THE  
7 TRAFFIC. I DON T KNOW, THE TRAFFIC BRINGS JOBS TO THE SCHOOLS  
8 AND COMMUNITY. I'M ALL FOR IT. I THINK WE OUGHT TO REDEVELOP  
9 AND DEVELOP MORE PROJECTS THAT BRING JOBS TO THE COMMUNITY.  
10 AND I DON'T CARE WHAT COMMUNITY IT IS. EVERYBODY NEEDS AN  
11 AFTER SCHOOL JOB OR JOBS. SO I'M FOR IT. I WISH WE CAN WORK  
12 OUT THE DRIVE THRU. I DON'T FEEL THAT IT'S GOING TO BE THAT  
13 MUCH MORE TRAFFIC, BUT CONSIDER TWO OR THREE MORE JOBS FOR  
14 YOUR KIDS. THE RED CHIEF HUNT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THAT INCLUDED ALL THE INDIVIDUALS BOTH IN  
17 ANTELOPE VALLEY AND DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES WHO HAD SIGNED UP TO  
18 SPEAK ON THIS ITEM. THE ISSUE IS-- LET ME MOVE THAT THE  
19 PROPOSED PROJECT WOULD AUTHORIZE THE CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION  
20 OF A 3300 SQUARE FOOT RESTAURANT WITH THE DRIVE-THRU AND 6,000  
21 SQUARE FOOT FEED AND SUPPLY STORE ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SIERRA  
22 HIGHWAY, WEST OF CROWN VALLEY ROAD IN A COMMUNITY OF ACTON.  
23 THIS WAS APPROVED BY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION ON APRIL  
24 6, THIS YEAR. HOWEVER THE RESTAURANT'S DRIVE-THRU WAS DENIED.  
25 THE APPLICANT IS NOW APPEALING THAT DECISION REQUESTING





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1 PERMISSION TO OFFER SUCH SERVICES AT THE PROPOSED RESTAURANT  
2 SIMILAR TO THOSE PROVIDED BY THE JACK IN THE BOX AND  
3 MCDONALD'S WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET FROM WHERE THEY'RE  
4 LOCATED ON OCTOBER 22, 2014. THE PREVIOUS ACTON TOWN COUNCIL  
5 HAD WRITTEN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE DRIVE-THRU WITH A  
6 STIPULATION THAT A TRAFFIC STUDY WOULD BE PREPARED AND THE  
7 APPLICANT PREPARE A TRAFFIC STUDY THAT WAS REVIEWED BY THE  
8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS WHICH THEN DETERMINED THAT THE  
9 PROJECT WAS A DRIVE-THRU WOULD NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT TRAFFIC  
10 IMPACT. THE LITTLE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PREVIOUS TACO BELL  
11 THAT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED, THIS APPLICANT HAD A SUPPORT LETTER  
12 FROM THE PREVIOUS TOWN COUNCIL AND HAD PARTNERED WITH THE  
13 COUNTRY FEED, THE LOCAL FAVORITE STORE. AND THIS PROJECT IS  
14 GOING TO UPGRADE THE COUNTRY FEED ALONG WITH ITS LOCALLY  
15 OWNED. IT'S OWNED BY THE PEOPLE WITHIN ACTON. SO I'D MOVE THAT  
16 THE BOARD WOULD ADOPT THE NEGATIVE DECLARATION ASSOCIATED WITH  
17 THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 2014-00078 THAT THE FINDING  
18 THAT THE PROJECT WOULD NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE  
19 ENVIRONMENT AND TWO, APPROVE THE APPEAL DIRECTING COUNSEL TO  
20 PREPARE THE NECESSARY FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS AFFIRMING THE  
21 APPROVAL OF 2014-00037 AND DIRECTING THE REGIONAL PLANNING AND  
22 PUBLIC WORKS TO CLARIFY THE TRIP GENERATION RATE FOR THE REAL  
23 COMMERCIAL ZONE C.R.U., INCLUDE THOSE RESULTS IN THE FINAL  
24 APPROVAL. SO THAT WOULD BE THE MOTION, MADAME CHAIR.

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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AT THIS TIME, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
2   MOVES THAT WE CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND MOVE THE ITEM AS  
3   AMENDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

4

5   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND LET ME JUST SAY TO THE PEOPLE FROM ACTON.  
6   ITEM 23, WHICH WAS ON THE H.S.R., SOME OF YOU WERE TESTIFYING  
7   A COUPLE WEEKS AGO, SHEILA KUEHL AND I HAVE AN AMENDMENT TO  
8   THE MOTION. WE DO MENTION ACTON IN THERE. AND IF YOU WANT TO  
9   WAIT A FEW MINUTES WHEN WE DISCUSS THAT, THAT WOULD BE COMING  
10  UP VERY SHORTLY. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

11

12  **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. MOVING ON NOW MEMBERS TO ITEM  
13  NO. R-2, THIS IS THE ENERGY CONSERVATION AND PREPAREDNESS  
14  PLAN. AND THE DEPARTMENT, BOTH O.E.M. AND OUR SUSTAIN-- OFFICE  
15  OF SUSTAINABILITY. GOOD AFTERNOON.

16

17  **DAVE CHITTENDEN:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS.  
18  DAVE CHITTENDEN INTERNAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT. WE ARE ASKED TO  
19  SPEAK ON ITEM R-2 ON OUR REPORT THAT WE SUBMITTED LAST WEEK  
20  REGARDING THE POTENTIAL ENERGY SHORTAGES RESULTING FROM THE  
21  ALISO CANYON LEAK. IN OUR REPORT AND I'LL SUMMARIZE IT VERY  
22  QUICKLY, THERE WERE THREE ACTION ITEMS WE WERE ASKED TO TALK  
23  ABOUT. ONE WAS AN EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT CAMPAIGN. SECONDLY,  
24  WAS WHAT CAN WE DO TO REDUCE CONSUMPTION? AND THIRDLY,  
25  CONTINGENCY PLANNING TO MITIGATE THE IMPACT OF THE OUTAGE. SO



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1 I'LL ADDRESS THE FIRST TWO AND JEFFREY WILL ADDRESS THE SECOND  
2 AND THIRD PART. AS YOU ARE ALREADY AWARE, I.S.D. IS THE  
3 ADMINISTRATOR TO THE REGIONAL ENERGY NETWORK FOR SO CAL REN,  
4 AND SO CAL REN, FUNDED BY C.P.U.C., HAS BEEN WORKING ON ENERGY  
5 CONSERVATION FOR THE LAST 3-1/2 YEARS. BUT OVER THE NEXT TWO  
6 YEARS, THIS CALENDAR YEAR AND THE NEXT, WE'RE EXPECTING TO  
7 SAVE AN ADDITIONAL 20 MILLION-KILOWATT HOURS FROM ENERGY  
8 IMPROVEMENTS FUNDED BY THE C.P.U.C. OR FUNDED BY THE LOCAL  
9 MUNICIPALITIES. IN ADDITION TO THAT, WHICH WE FAILED TO  
10 MENTION IN OUR REPORT, I.S.D.'S ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION HAS  
11 ALSO BEEN VERY ACTIVE IN ENERGY PROJECTS. AND OVER THE NEXT  
12 TWO YEARS IS EXPECTED TO SAVE AN ADDITIONAL 10 MILLION-  
13 KILOWATT HOURS FROM ENERGY RETROFITS FROM RETRO COMMISSIONING  
14 IN COUNTY FACILITIES. TO PUT IT IN PERSPECTIVE, THE 20 MILLION  
15 PLUS 10 MILLION-KILOWATT HOURS THAT WE EXPECT TO SAVE IS  
16 EQUIVALENT TO SHUTTING FOUR HALL OF ADMINISTRATIONS DOWN AND  
17 TAKING THEM OFF THE GRID. SO IT'S PRETTY SIGNIFICANT SAVINGS  
18 EXPECTED. THIRD, THE SECOND PART OF THE REPORT BACK WAS ON OUR  
19 EFFORTS IN WORKING WITH THE GAS COMPANY APPROVED BY C.P.U.C.  
20 FOR \$11 MILLION WORTH OF FUNDING FOR A CAMPAIGN OF OUTREACH  
21 AND EDUCATION FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS ON THE POTENTIAL FOR OUTAGES  
22 RESULTING FROM THE SHORTAGES. EXAMPLES THAT THEY'RE WORKING ON  
23 INCLUDE PREDEVELOPED MARKETING AND OUTREACH COLLATERAL  
24 MATERIALS THAT CITIES MAY DOWNLOAD AND DISTRIBUTE TO THEIR  
25 COMMUNITIES. AN OUTREACH CAMPAIGN THAT WILL LAUNCH ACROSS



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1 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION EXPLAINING THE IMMEDIATE NEED TO  
2 CONSERVE ENERGY. TARGETED OUTREACH TO LOW INCOME AND NON  
3 ENGLISH SPEAKING COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE REGION AND SUPPORT  
4 FOR THE COUNTY'S-- EXCUSE ME FOR THE STATE'S FLEX ALERT  
5 PROGRAM WHICH WILL PROVIDE MESSAGING FOR ACTON DURING AN  
6 OUTAGE. IN ADDITION TO THAT, I.S.D. HAS RECENTLY REACHED OUT  
7 TO THE C.P.U.C. TO INCREASE INCENTIVE PROGRAMS FOR ENERGY  
8 RETROFITS IN RESIDENTS AND COUNTY FACILITIES. AND WE'RE  
9 AWAITING RESPONSE ON THAT. I'M TRYING TO BE SPEEDY BECAUSE  
10 IT'S BEEN A LONG DAY, I BELIEVE, SO I'LL TURN IT OVER TO JEFF  
11 FOR THE FINAL PART.

12

13 **JEFFREY REED:** I THANK YOU, DAVID. GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME  
14 CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I AM JEFF REED, DIRECTOR OF THE  
15 OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE.  
16 O.E.M.'S ROLE IS IN FLEX ALERTS AND EMERGENCIES IS TO ENSURE  
17 INTERAGENCY COOPERATION AND COORDINATION AMONGST THE NUMEROUS  
18 LOCAL, COUNTY, STATE AND PRIVATE SECTOR ENTITIES INVOLVED AND  
19 TO ENSURE OUR COUNTY LEADERSHIP AND THE PUBLIC RECEIVE TIMELY,  
20 INFORMATIVE AND ACCURATE NOTIFICATIONS REGARDING EMERGENCIES  
21 IMPACTING THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SOME OF THE INITIATIVES  
22 WE HAVE TAKEN HAVE BEEN LONG-STANDING SUCH AS THE DEVELOPMENT  
23 OF ADVERSE WEATHER PLAN. THIS PLAN WAS DEVELOPED AND APPROVED  
24 IN 2013 IN COOPERATION WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AND ALL OF THE LEAD  
25 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. ONE OF OUR NEWER INITIATIVES SPECIFIC TO



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1 THIS SUMMARY IS O.E.M.'S PARTICIPATION ON THE ENERGY  
2 CONSERVATION CAMPAIGN MESSAGING ADVISORY BOARD WHICH I'LL  
3 TOUCH ON MORE IN A MOMENT. NOW I'LL PROVIDE A BRIEF OVERVIEW  
4 OF THE ACTION STEPS OUTLINED IN THE BOARD REPORT. WE HAVE  
5 CLARIFIED RESPECTIVE AGENCY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES WHEN  
6 FLEX ALERTS ARE PREDICTED. WE HAVE REFRESHED AND FINE-TUNED  
7 OUR NOTIFICATION PLAN WITH THE CALIFORNIA I.S.O. AND SOUTHERN  
8 CALIFORNIA EDISON. WHEN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON ACTIVATES  
9 THEIR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER, WE SEND AN O.E.M. LIAISON  
10 OFFICER THERE AND THEY SEND ONE TO THE COUNTY E.O.C. TO ENSURE  
11 CLOSE COORDINATION. WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH LEAD DEPARTMENTS  
12 TO ASSESS IMPACTS TO OUR COOLING CENTER PROGRAM AND STUDYING  
13 POTENTIAL WORK-AROUNDS SHOULD THEIR OPERATION BE DISRUPTED BY  
14 THE ROTATING OUTAGES. WE ARE FACILITATING THE INCLUSION OF  
15 ROTATING OUTAGE IMPACTS IN EACH DEPARTMENT'S C.O.O.P.  
16 PLANNING, CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS PLANNING. O.E.M.  
17 PARTICIPATES ON THE ENERGY, CONSERVATION MESSAGING CAMPAIGN  
18 ADVISORY BOARD AND WE ARE ADVOCATING FOR INCLUSIVE  
19 COMMUNICATION PRACTICES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND  
20 OTHERS WITH ACCESS AND FUNCTIONAL NEEDS. THIS CAMPAIGN TO  
21 ENCOURAGE CONSERVATION INCLUDES WEBSITES, SOCIAL MEDIA  
22 MESSAGING, CHILDREN'S BOOK AND ENGLISH IN SPANISH, NEWSPAPER  
23 ADS AND PROMOTIONAL VIDEOS. FINALLY, WE ARE DEVELOPING THE  
24 OPERATIONAL AREA OF POWER OUTAGE ANNEX TO STANDARDIZE THE  
25 PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PROCEDURES FOR FLEX ALERT



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1 INCIDENTS. THIS COMPLETES MY PREPARED COMMENTS AND I'M HERE TO  
2 ANSWER ANY OF YOUR QUESTIONS.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU  
5 FOR THE PROGRESS THAT YOU ALL HAVE BEEN MAKING AND YOU GAVE A  
6 VERY SUCCINCT OVERVIEW OF THE CURRENT CHANGES THAT YOU'RE  
7 UNDERTAKING, WHICH IS GREAT. BUT I THINK ONE THING THAT HAS  
8 BEEN BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION FOR O.E.M. IS OUR OPERATIONAL  
9 AREA OF POWER OUTAGE ANNEX, WHICH IS GREAT. THAT EXISTS THERE  
10 AND WE'RE GETTING A BETTER HANDLE ON HOW TO DEAL WITH POWER  
11 EMERGENCIES. BUT I WANT TO TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT WHAT IS  
12 HAPPENING WITHIN OUR OWN FACILITIES THAT ARE RUN BY THE  
13 COUNTY. AND IT WAS BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION THAT WE NEED TO DO  
14 MORE WITH RESPECT TO OUR COOLING CENTERS, ESPECIALLY IN THE  
15 C.S.S. FACILITIES WHERE WE HAVE SENIORS. SO I JUST WANT TO ASK  
16 HOW QUICKLY CAN WE MOVE ON THAT? OR IS THAT A C.E.O. QUESTION  
17 TO GET THOSE UP AND GOING? BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND THAT THE  
18 REPORT STATES THAT WE ONLY HAVE TWO OF OUR COOLING CENTERS  
19 THAT HAVE STAND BY POWER IN PLACE. SO THAT'S A PROBLEM.

20

21 **JEFFREY REED:** SO LET ME TOUCH ON SOME OF THE POINTS THAT WE  
22 RAISE THERE, MADAME CHAIR. THE FACILITIES THAT ARE USED FOR  
23 COOLING CENTERS, WHEN THEY WERE BUILT AND DESIGNED FOR THEIR  
24 INTENDED PURPOSE, THEY ARE NOT ESSENTIAL FACILITIES. THEY  
25 DIDN'T HAVE THAT DESIGNATION MUCH LIKE A FIRE STATION OR



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1 POLICE STATION WOULD BE OR A MEDICAL FACILITY WHERE  
2 ESTABLISHED BY POWER IS PART OF THE CODE. SO WEREN'T AN  
3 EQUIPPED FROM THE GROUND UP, YOU MIGHT SAY, WITH STAND BY  
4 POWER. IN OUR ADVERSE WEATHER PLAN, SHOULD ONE OF THOSE  
5 COOLING CENTERS BE IN THE ROTATING OUTAGE AREA, AND THE  
6 ROTATING OUTAGES ONLY OCCUR FOR AN HOUR IN THOSE SOUTHERN  
7 CALIFORNIA EDISON-SERVED AREAS AND UP TO TWO HOURS IN THE  
8 D.W.P. AREAS, THE PLAN IS THAT WE WOULD SHIFT THAT POPULATION  
9 TO ANOTHER CENTER. NOW, FORTUNATELY WE HOPE THAT ONLY THE  
10 OUTAGE ONLY OCCURS FOR AN HOUR. BUT THAT'S THE PLAN ACCORDING  
11 TO OUR ADVERSE WEATHER PLAN.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** DO WE HAVE-- SO WE WOULD HAVE  
14 INFORMATION PERHAPS AHEAD OF TIME SO WE CAN KNOW WHEN THESE  
15 ARE GOING TO OCCUR? THAT'S REALLY THE MAIN THING, TO BE ABLE  
16 TO GET PEOPLE UP TO NOW?

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18 **JEFFREY REED:** LET ME TOUCH ON THAT. TODAY THEY PURCHASE OR  
19 SECURE THE POWER FOR TOMORROW. SO NORMALLY WHEN THE CONDITIONS  
20 ARE PREDICTED TO CAUSE A FLEX ALERT, WE HAVE UP TO 24 HOURS'  
21 NOTICE. WE'LL GET AN EARLY NOTIFICATION OF CAL I.S.O. THAT  
22 TOMORROW COULD BE A FLEX ALERT DAY. THAT'S WHEN WE ACTIVATE  
23 OUR PLANS AND CONVENE CONFERENCE CALLS AND PLANNING CALLS NOT  
24 ONLY WITH THE COUNTY FAMILY BUT WITH OUR OTHER OPERATIONAL  
25 AREA PARTNERS AND TO PUT EVERYONE ON ALERT THAT A FLEX ALERT





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1 OR ROTATING OUTAGES MAY OCCUR. AND THAT ALLOWS US TO DO A  
2 LITTLE MORE LEAN FORWARD AS THAT HAPPENS.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WHEN YOU SAY THESE FACILITIES WERE  
5 NOT INTENDED TO BE THE OFFICIAL COOLING CENTERS, I UNDERSTAND  
6 THAT. BUT IS THERE ANY PLAN TO TRY TO BRING THEM UP TO SPEED?  
7 BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO MOVE THAT  
8 MANY PEOPLE SO MANY TIMES.

9

10 **JEFFREY REED:** SURE, OF COURSE.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT WOULDN'T MAKE SENSE, EITHER. SO  
13 WHAT'S THE PLAN THERE?

14

15 **JEFFREY REED:** WE INTEND TO CONVENE A TASKFORCE, I.S.D. AND  
16 PUBLIC WORKS AND OUR PARTNERS WITH THAT. WE'LL DO AN  
17 ASSESSMENT OF OUR FACILITIES AND SEE WHICH ONES WOULD BE  
18 SUITABLE TO HAVE STANDBY POWER CAPABILITY ADDED. AND IT'S  
19 BEYOND JUST A GENERATOR.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

22

23 **JEFFREY REED:** THE GENERATOR NEEDS TO HAVE THE APPROPRIATE  
24 ELECTRICAL CONNECTION. WE HAVE TO HAVE A FUEL DELIVERY  
25 SCHEDULE FOR THE GENERATOR AND WE HAVE TO HAVE A DEPLOYMENT



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1 MODEL. BUT THOSE ARE PROCUREMENT ISSUES THAT WE CAN WORK OUT  
2 AND CONVENE A TASKFORCE.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ESPECIALLY WITH THE IDEA BEING A  
5 DROUGHT, OBVIOUSLY IT CONTINUES FOR SO MANY YEARS, BUT THE  
6 UNSEASONABLY WARM WEATHER THAT WE'RE EXPERIENCING NOW, THEY'RE  
7 PREDICTING THAT IT'S GOING TO BE THE TREND. SO I AM VERY  
8 CONCERNED ABOUT THE HEALTH ASPECTS FOR OUR COMMUNITY, FOR OUR  
9 SENIORS AND FOR CHILDREN, OBVIOUSLY, AND PEOPLE THAT HAVE  
10 RESPIRATORY ILLNESSES ALREADY. SO I WOULD ENCOURAGE THE C.E.O.  
11 TO WORK WITH US, ALL OF US HERE. MAYBE WE CAN GET THAT  
12 ADDRESSED. MY OTHER QUESTION I HAD WAS WITH RESPECT TO  
13 SUSTAINABILITY AND THE RATE OF ROOFTOP SOLAR INSTALLATION. HOW  
14 ARE WE MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION? AND WHAT'S THE STATUS RIGHT  
15 NOW? AND FOR BUSINESSES, NOT JUST HOUSEHOLDS.

16

17 **DAVE CHITTENDEN:** I'LL TAKE THIS ONE. THANK YOU. YEAH, AS YOU  
18 HAVE SEEN IN SOME EMAILS I SENT THE BOARD RECENTLY, I'LL ADMIT  
19 WE STRUGGLED WITH THE PROGRAM THAT WE IMPLEMENTED AT YOUR  
20 DIRECTION A COUPLE YEARS AGO TO IMPLEMENT POWER PURCHASE  
21 AGREEMENTS FOR ROOFTOP SOLAR ON CAMPUS FACILITIES. THE FIRST  
22 PHASE RESULTED IN US DOING A MUTUAL TERMINATION OF THE  
23 CONTRACT BECAUSE OF THE BANKRUPTCY TROUBLES OF THE PARENT  
24 COMPANY. AND THE SECOND SOLICITATION IS STILL IN NEGOTIATION  
25 RIGHT NOW. IT IS ACTIVE. IF THAT GOES FORWARD, WE'RE GOING TO



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1 DO 20 LOCATIONS WITH A P.P.A. SOLUTION. BUT AS A RESULT OF THE  
2 CHANGE IN THE CLIMATE FOR P.P.A. SOLUTIONS OVER THE LAST  
3 COUPLE YEARS, FINANCIAL BACKING DOESN'T SEEM TO BE AS STRONG  
4 AS WE HAD ORIGINALLY THOUGHT: WE ARE TAKING A STEP BACK AND WE  
5 ARE RE-EVALUATING HOW WE'RE GOING TO DO ROOFTOP OR PARKING LOT  
6 SOLAR SOLUTIONS ON COUNTY FACILITIES. WE ARE COMMITTED TO  
7 PROVIDING A REPORT BACK TO YOUR BOARD BY JULY 15TH. AND WE'RE  
8 ACTIVELY WORKING ON THAT RIGHT NOW. AND THE ALTERNATIVE IS TO  
9 USE CASH OR FINANCE THE SOLAR INSTALLATIONS. BUT WE'RE STILL  
10 COMMITTED TO DOING SOLAR.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THAT MAKES SENSE. OKAY. SUPERVISOR  
13 KUEHL?

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15 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I HAVE TWO OR  
16 THREE QUESTIONS. THE FIRST REALLY GOES TO THE KIND OF SHORT-  
17 TERM QUESTION. IT SEEMS LIKE MUCH OF THE REPORT IS PRIMARILY  
18 DIRECTED AT COLLABORATION, HOW WE LET EACH OTHER KNOW THERE'S  
19 GOING TO BE A BROWNOUT OR TRYING TO COORDINATE EFFORTS IN OUR  
20 DEPARTMENTS. BUT I'M NOT REALLY CERTAIN HOW THAT HELPS. IF THE  
21 GENERATOR POWER HAS INDICATED TO US THERE WILL NOT BE ENOUGH  
22 TOMORROW AND WE'RE GOING TO NEED TO SHUT DOWN, THEN HOW DO  
23 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS RESPOND? WHAT'S THE COLLABORATION FOR?

24



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1   **JEFFREY REED:** LET ME TOUCH ON ONE EXAMPLE OF HOW THE COUNTY  
2   DEPARTMENTS RESPOND, AND THAT'S WITH THE COMMUNITY AND SENIOR  
3   SERVICES. ONCE THEY RECEIVE A NOTIFICATION OF A FLEX ALERT,  
4   THEIR ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES CHECKS ON THEIR CLIENTS TO  
5   ENSURE THAT THEY ARE SAFE OR IF THEY NEED ANY ASSISTANCE AND  
6   THEN IT'S ALSO AGING AND ADULT SERVICES CHECKS ON THEIR HOME  
7   BOUND CLIENTS. THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON DOES THE SAME  
8   THING. THEY HAVE FOR THEIR MEDICAL BASELINE CUSTOMERS WHO HAVE  
9   A DOCTOR'S NOTIFICATION THAT THEY ARE MEDICALLY DEPENDENT ON  
10  ELECTRICITY. WHEN THE FLEX ALERTS COME DOWN, SOUTHERN  
11  CALIFORNIA SENDS OUT A NOTIFICATION TO THAT CUSTOMER BASE. AND  
12  IF THEY DON'T GET A REPLY, THEN THEY'LL SEND SOMEBODY BOOTS ON  
13  THE GROUND OUT TO CHECK ON THOSE CLIENTS. SO IT'S VERY MUCH--  
14  IT'S ONE OF THE REASONS WHY THE COLLABORATION IS SO IMPORTANT  
15  AND YOU RAISED THIS QUESTION IS BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY LAYERS  
16  OF RESPONSE AND RESPONSIBILITIES. AND ONE OF OUR ROLES IS TO  
17  MAKE SURE EVERYONE KNOWS IT'S COMING AND SEES ITS ARRIVAL SO  
18  THEY CAN ACTIVATE THEIR OWN PLAN OR THEIR OWN RESPONSE  
19  CAPABILITY.

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21  **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I KNOW IN SOME OF OUR AREAS, ESPECIALLY  
22  HIGH FIRE AREAS, THE PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCIES-- AND MAYBE IT'S  
23  ALL OVER THE COUNTY-- ALLOW PEOPLE TO REGISTER THEIR  
24  PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE HOUSEHOLDS. IF YOU HAVE PEOPLE, IT  
25  WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR ME TO GET OUT, I'M IN A WHEELCHAIR. IN



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1 SOME CASES, I HAVE DOGS, I NEED HELP EVACUATING IN CASE WE'RE  
2 ORDERED TO EVACUATE. AND I DON'T KNOW BEYOND OUR OWN CLIENT  
3 BASE IF THESE SERVICES INTERCONNECT WITH PARTICULARLY  
4 VULNERABLE FOLKS, ESPECIALLY ELDERLY PEOPLE.

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6 **JEFFREY REED:** WELL THAT SPEAKS BACK, ONCE AGAIN, TO THE  
7 MISSION OF COLLABORATION. BY US REACHING OUT WORKING  
8 COOPERATIVELY WITH SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON WHO HAS THE  
9 MEDICAL BASELINE CLIENT BASE, WE'RE CONSULTING RIGHT NOW WITH  
10 THE STATE TO GET ACCESS TO THEIR DISABILITY BASE. AND MOST  
11 PEOPLE WHO HAVE ARE MEDICALLY DEPENDENT OR HAVE A DISABILITY  
12 ARE ALREADY PART OF A NETWORK. AND THAT'S THE NETWORK THAT WE  
13 LIKE TO PLUG INTO FOR THE REGIONAL CENTERS, AND SO FORTH,  
14 INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS. THOSE ARE THE NETWORKS THAT WE  
15 LIKE TO PLUG IN, BECAUSE THEY MAINTAIN THAT DATABASE AND THEY  
16 KNOW THEIR CLIENT BASE VERY WELL.

17

18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AND THEN IN THE LARGER SENSE, BECAUSE WE'VE  
19 BEEN TALKING ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY, AS YOU KNOW, DEVELOPING  
20 C.C.A. FOR THE COUNTY AND ALTERNATIVE WAY FOR US TO BUY ENERGY  
21 AS INDIVIDUALS IN THE COUNTY AND AS SERVICES, WOULD IT BE THE  
22 CASE THAT WE MIGHT AVOID SOME OF THESE BROWNOUTS AND BLACKOUTS  
23 BY MORE DIVERSIFICATION OF THE ENERGY BASE? IT SEEMS LIKE IF  
24 SOMETHING IS GOING TO FAIL US, IT'S BECAUSE WE'RE BUYING MOST  
25 OF OUR ENERGY FROM COAL GENERATION OR NATURAL GAS GENERATION.



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1 SO I'M WONDERING WHETHER THERE'S A WAY, IN ADDITION TO THE  
2 OTHER BENEFITS WE THINK C.C.A. IS GOING TO HAVE, THAT THIS MAY  
3 HELP US AVOID AS MANY BROWNOUTS OR BLACKOUTS PARTICULARLY IN  
4 THE SUMMER?

5

6 **DAVE CHITTENDEN:** YEAH, I THINK THAT'S A GOOD POINT. THE  
7 DEPENDENCY ON NATURAL GAS IS THE NUCLEUS FOR THIS DISCUSSION.  
8 AND MOVING TO ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PROVIDERS IS AN OBVIOUS MOVE  
9 IN THE DIRECTION TO HELP WITH THAT. BUT PERHAPS IT INTRODUCES  
10 OTHER COMPLEXITIES THAT WE HAVEN'T CONSIDERED YET. IN OUR  
11 REPORT BACK ON THE C.A.A., WE'RE PROPOSING, AS YOU KNOW, THE  
12 CREATION OF A C.C.A. WHICH WILL THEN GO OFF AND FIGURE OUT  
13 THOSE OPERATIONAL COMPLEXITIES. INTUITIVELY I BELIEVE YOU'RE  
14 RIGHT. BUT I WOULDN'T ATTEST TO THAT RIGHT NOW.

15

16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I GUESS IT'S SORT OF SIMPLISTIC BECAUSE I  
17 DON'T ALWAYS UNDERSTAND THE ELECTRICITY MARKET. BUT IT WOULD  
18 SEEM LIKE MORE GENERATION OF ENERGY WOULD LEAD TO THE  
19 POSSIBILITY OF FEWER BROWNOUTS AND BLACKOUTS. I KNOW WE ALL  
20 SIGN UP FOR ONLY ONE PROVIDER. THEY ARE ALL PROVIDING OUR  
21 ENERGY. AND IF THEY ALL BUY ALL THEIR ENERGY FROM A NATURAL  
22 GAS UTILIZING SOURCE, THEY'RE GOING TO RUN OUT. AND WE CAN'T  
23 JUST SWITCH IN THE MIDDLE OF A BLACKOUT. OH I DON'T LIKE  
24 EDISON NOW. I'D LIKE SOMEBODY ELSE TODAY. ALTHOUGH MAYBE WE  
25 CAN IN THE FUTURE TAKE A LOOK AT HOW THESE THINGS MIGHT HAPPEN



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1 OR AT LEAST IN THE I.S.O. OR WHATEVER THAT THERE IS MORE  
2 SHARING OF THESE ENERGY SOURCES, WHICH I ASSUME THEY ARE  
3 BECAUSE THEORETICALLY, THEY ARE LOOKING AT ALL THESE SOURCES  
4 EACH DAY.

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6 **DAVE CHITTENDEN:** I AGREE.

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8 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU  
11 FOR YOUR PRESENTATION. WE HAVE SOME SPEAKERS. ED FREEMAN.  
12 ARNOLD SACHS. AND DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. GO AHEAD, SIR, STATE  
13 YOUR NAME. YOU'RE ON.

14

15 **ED FREEMAN:** MY NAME IS ED FREEMAN.

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** JUST SPEAK INTO THE MIC.

18

19 **ED FREEMAN:** HOW CLOSE? MY NAME'S ED FREEMAN. I'M HERE TO  
20 REQUEST A CORRECTION TO ITEM R-2. EXCUSE ME. R-2 IMPLIES AND  
21 PAYS FOR PARAGRAPH, FIRST PARAGRAPH LAST SENTENCE, THAT THE  
22 PROJECTS LISTED IN ATTACHMENT 3 WERE ADMINISTERED BY SOUTHERN  
23 CALIFORNIA REGIONAL ENERGY NETWORK. THIS IS NOT CORRECT. THE  
24 PROJECT LISTED ON 3 AND 4 OF THE ATTACHMENTS WERE DONE BY  
25 I.S.D. ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION. I'M REQUESTING THAT EITHER





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1 PAGE 3 AND PAGE 4 OF ATTACHMENT 3 BE REMOVED OR CREDIT BE  
2 GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY DID THE PROJECTS. I  
3 PERSONALLY DID 8 OF THE PROJECTS. 2 OF THEM WERE AT PUBLIC  
4 LIBRARY SOLAR AND OTHER ONES. SO THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY. IN  
5 ADDITION, I'M SURE IF YOU DID-- IF L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISORS  
6 THAT DID A REPORT THAT GAVE CREDIT TO ORANGE COUNTY THAT  
7 ACTUALLY DID THE REPORT, YOU WOULD WANT TO CORRECT IT. THAT'S  
8 ALL I'M ASKING. THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. NEXT SPEAKER?

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12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS.  
13 AND I BELIEVE WHEN WE STARTED TODAY'S MEETING YOU MENTIONED  
14 10.3 MILLION PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY. I'M SOMEWHAT CONCERNED THAT  
15 THIS ITEM COMES UP. I BELIEVE ONE OF THE SPEAKERS WHO  
16 PRESENTED THE REPORT MENTIONED OUTAGES RESULTING FROM  
17 SHORTAGES. I'M WONDERING THE SHORTAGES OF ELECTRICITY THAT  
18 WOULD BE CREATED BECAUSE OF THE SHORTAGE OF NATURAL GAS THAT  
19 HAS OCCURRED BECAUSE OF THE ALISO CANYON GAS LEAK. IN THE  
20 STATUS OF PUTTING THAT BACK INTO OPERATION SOONER OR LATER,  
21 THE FACT THAT THE COMMUNITY AT PORTER RANCH IS ESSENTIALLY  
22 HOLDING THE 10.279 OR 95 MILLION PEOPLE HOSTAGE WHILE THE  
23 REGULATORY AGENCIES IN THE STATE RUN AROUND CHASING THEIR TAIL  
24 TO FIX THEIR PROBLEM THAT THEY CREATED IN ADDITION TO THE FACT  
25 THAT YOU HEAR STORIES ABOUT SOME OF THESE INCIDENTS THAT HAVE



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1 OCCURRED IN SOME OF THE LOWER INCOME AREAS, THE FIRE IN  
2 MAYWOOD AND THE EXIDE BATTERY WHERE PEOPLE LIVED THERE. AND  
3 THE INDUSTRIES WERE ALREADY THERE. THIS IS A SITUATION WHERE  
4 PEOPLE MOVED ONTO A FACILITY WITHOUT ANY KNOWLEDGE OF IT. AND  
5 FOR THEM TO BLAME THE GAS COMPANY ON TOP OF NOT BLAMING  
6 ANYBODY WHO WERE INVOLVED IN THE REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR  
7 OVERSIGHT IS SOMEWHAT DISINGENUOUS. YEAH, I FEEL IT'S TOO BAD.  
8 BUT BUYER BEWARE. IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW THAT THERE WAS AN 80  
9 BILLION SQUARE FEET OF GAS STORAGE IN YOUR BACKYARD, THAT'S  
10 NOT THE GAS COMPANY'S FAULT. WE HAVE 10 MILLION PEOPLE THAT  
11 ARE RELYING ON ENERGY FROM THE UTILITIES. AND THEY NEED TO BE  
12 LOOKED AT AS A VOICING CONCERN ALSO.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** HERMAN HERMAN?

15

16 **HERMAN HERMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MS. SOLIS. AS YOU ALL KNOW, THE  
17 MAJORITY OF PEOPLE LIVE IN VERY REMOTE INCOME AREAS. IT  
18 IMPACTS MOST OF THEIR LIVES WHEN IT COMES TO ENERGY OR  
19 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR THESE SERVICES, ESPECIALLY WHEN  
20 THERE'S OUTAGES. I'M USED TO THE HEAT. LIKE I SAID WHEN I WAS  
21 UP IN SACRAMENTO WALKING AROUND IN 104-DEGREE WEATHER JUST THE  
22 WAY I'M DRESSED TODAY, I MADE IT BACK. I HAVEN'T DIED YET. BUT  
23 THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN HOMES WITH NO AIR CONDITIONING.  
24 THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO LOSE THEIR POWER AND LOSE ALL THEIR  
25 BELONGINGS IN THE REFRIGERATOR AND SO FORTH, NOT THAT I WOULD



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1 PUT THAT IN MY GARAGE, MR. THOMAS, BUT I'M JUST ACKNOWLEDGING  
2 THE FACT THAT PEOPLE NEED THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MANAGEMENT  
3 FOR SERVICES TO PROMOTE NOT JUST THE IDEA OF MARKETING OF  
4 OUTREACH BUT OF IDEA OF MR. JEFF REED TO PUSH FOR THESE  
5 COOLING CENTERS BY ASKING FOR MORE BONDS AND GRANTS TO DEVELOP  
6 A PROGRAM THAT REALLY WORKED IN THE LONG TERM. INFRASTRUCTURE.  
7 THE FUTURE. OTHERWISE YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE ELDERLY PEOPLE  
8 DYING. YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE CONVALESCENT HOMES KILLING PEOPLE  
9 BECAUSE THE GENERATORS DON'T BACK UP THEIR GENERATORS. SO IT'S  
10 A DOMINO EFFECT. WHAT COMES UP, IT GOES DOWN. AND IT'S JUST  
11 UNFORTUNATE MR. SPINDLER COULDN'T BE HERE BECAUSE HE WAS UP IN  
12 THE ANTELOPE VALLEY IN HIS AIR CONDITIONED CAR. SHOUT OUT TO  
13 YOU MR. SPINDLER. STAY COOL BECAUSE IT'S VERY HOT UP THERE AND  
14 DOWN HERE. AND HOPEFULLY IT WILL TAKE THIS REPORT SERIOUSLY TO  
15 ENSURE THAT THE OUTAGES DO NOT AND WILL NOT CONTINUE TO OCCUR  
16 IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THANK YOU. KEEP THE REMAINING 1  
17 SECOND.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, MEMBERS. THIS IS RECEIVE AND  
20 FILE. SO DULY NOTED. WITHOUT OBJECTION. NOW WE'RE GOING TO  
21 MOVE ON TO ITEM NO. 23. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR. WHEN THIS  
24 ITEM WAS-- FIRST DO WE HAVE PUBLIC WORKS AND REGIONAL PLANNING  
25 STILL HERE? ASK THEM A COUPLE QUESTIONS? AND ALSO ASK THE



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1 C.E.O., HAD THE REAL ESTATE DIVISION BEEN ACTIVE IN  
2 IDENTIFYING POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON COUNTY-OWNED OR MANAGED  
3 PROPERTIES RELATIVE TO H.S.R.?

4

5 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** SUPERVISOR, I WILL HAVE TO GET BACK TO  
6 YOU ON THAT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY. WE'VE HAD CONCERNS ABOUT THE HIGH-SPEED  
9 RAIL SINCE ITS FIRST ROUTES BETWEEN PALMDALE AND LOS ANGELES  
10 WERE FIRST ANNOUNCED. OUR GOAL HAS ALWAYS BEEN TO PROTECT OUR  
11 COMMUNITIES, PROPERTY, WATER, ENVIRONMENTAL, EQUESTRIAN AND  
12 QUALITY OF LIFE NEEDS. WE HAVE WORKED CONSTRUCTIVELY WITH THE  
13 HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY OVER THE YEARS TO IDENTIFY EVERY  
14 OPPORTUNITY POSSIBLE TO ELIMINATE IMPACTS OF OUR NORTH COUNTY  
15 AND SAN FERNANDO VALLEY RESIDENTS. IN 2013 I HAD WRITTEN A  
16 LETTER TO THE AUTHORITY SEEKING SUPPORT FOR A REVIEW OF  
17 ALTERNATIVE AND DIRECT ROUTES UNDER THE ANGELES FOREST. AFTER  
18 A LENGTHY STUDY, THAT AUTHORITY PRESENTED ALTERNATIVE  
19 ALIGNMENTS THROUGH THE FOREST UNFORTUNATELY THOSE PRESENTED  
20 EVEN NEW SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS ON OUR FOOTHILL COMMUNITIES AND  
21 ON THE TOWN OF ACTON. IN JUNE OF 2015, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND I,  
22 ALONG WITH COUNCILMAN FELIPE FUENTES HAD WRITTEN A JOINT  
23 LETTER TO THE AUTHORITY OUTLINING CONCERNS OVER THE S.R.14  
24 ALIGNMENT AND CALLED FOR ITS REMOVAL IN THE SAN FERNANDO  
25 VALLEY, REMOVAL OF THE E-2 ALIGNMENT AND FOR THE AUTHORITY TO



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1 EXPEDITE ITS SCIENTIFIC STUDIES SO THAT WE COULD CLEARLY  
2 UNDERSTAND THE REMAINING IMPACTS ON ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES IN  
3 SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL AREAS. IN APRIL OF THIS YEAR, THE  
4 AUTHORITY RESPONDED WITH A NEW SET OF REFINED ALIGNMENTS. THE  
5 CITIES AND COMMUNITIES OF SAN FERNANDO, SYLMAR AND SANTA  
6 CLARITA NOW APPEAR SPARED BUT THERE STILL REMAINS POTENTIAL  
7 SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS ON THE COMMUNITIES OF LAKE VIEW TERRACE,  
8 SHADOW HILLS, KAGEL CANYON, SOUTHERN TUJUNGA AND ACTON AS  
9 SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL AREAS. SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND I JOINED  
10 TOGETHER TO INTRODUCE AN AMENDMENT MOTION THAT I WILL READ  
11 RIGHT NOW. WE WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE  
12 PROPOSED ROUTES THAT THREATEN SEVERE IMPACTS FOR HOMES,  
13 QUALITY OF LIFE AND SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL AREAS RAISE  
14 TREMENDOUS CONCERNS. TWO, PROPOSE TO REFINE THE E-2 ALIGNMENT  
15 THAT IS CURRENTLY PROPOSED FOR THE PALMDALE AND BURBANK HIGH-  
16 SPEED RAIL PROJECT SEGMENT AND ANY OTHER VARIATION OF THIS  
17 ALIGNMENT THAT WOULD COST THE BIG TUJUNGA WASH ABOVE UPGRADE.  
18 RECOGNIZE THAT IT HAS BEEN ONE YEAR SINCE SUPERVISOR  
19 ANTONOVICH AND KUEHL ASKED THE AUTHORITY TO EXPEDITE  
20 HYDROLOGICAL AND TECHNICAL STUDIES SO THAT OUR COMMUNITIES  
21 WOULD HAVE A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WHEN THE STUDIES WERE TO  
22 BEGIN AND END AND WHEN THE AUTHORITY WOULD BE MAKING A  
23 DECISION BASED ON THE RESULTS OF THOSE STUDIES. ACKNOWLEDGE  
24 THAT THESE STUDIES WILL PROVIDE CRITICAL INFORMATION REGARDING  
25 POTENTIAL IMPACTS ON EXISTING AREAS OF CONCERN TO THIS BROAD,



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1 INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE COMMUNITIES OF SHADOW HILLS,  
2 LAKE VIEW TERRACE AND ACTON AS WELL AS THE RECENTLY RECOGNIZED  
3 SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS NATIONAL MONUMENT. REQUEST THE AUTHORITY  
4 CLARIFY THE HYDROLOGICAL AND TECHNICAL STUDIES PROCESS,  
5 INDICATING WHEN THESE STUDIES WOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE  
6 PUBLIC. WE WOULD SEND A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE  
7 CALIFORNIA HIGH SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY AND THE L.A. COUNTY STATE  
8 DELEGATION REFLECTING THE AFOREMENTIONED WE'D FURTHER MOVE  
9 THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE C.E.O. TO COORDINATE AND COLLECT  
10 INPUT FROM THE IMPACTED COUNTY DEPARTMENTS ON ALL HIGH-SPEED  
11 RAIL ALIGNMENTS IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS THROUGH THE  
12 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WITH A REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON AN AS  
13 NEEDED BASIS TO FACILITATE DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW IN THE ENTIRE  
14 PROCESS. THAT WOULD BE THE AMENDED MOTION.

15  
16 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I THINK WE'RE TRYING TO FIND WHERE IT IS TO  
17 HAND IT OUT, SUPERVISOR, SO EVERYBODY CAN EYEBALL IT. BUT  
18 THAT'S AN OFFERED AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION THAT WAS ORIGINALLY  
19 ON.

20  
21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S AMENDED. BUT OUR OFFICES WORKED ON IT.

22  
23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I PERSONALLY WANT TO THANK BOTH OF  
24 YOU TO ACCEPT OUR CHANGES TO THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS. THANK  
25 YOU. NO FURTHER QUESTIONS. WE DO HAVE WITNESS SPEAKERS WHO



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1 WANT TO COME FORWARD ON THIS ITEM. BECAUSE WE HAVE SEVERAL,  
2 WE'LL STICK TO THE ONE MINUTE RULE. PAM WOLTER. WILLIAM EICK.  
3 KELLY ROSE. CILE BORMAN. DAVID DEPINTO. JUST STATE YOUR NAME  
4 FOR THE RECORD. YOU HAVE A MINUTE.

5

6 **PAM WOLTER:** I'M PAM WOLTER. AND I WOULD LIKE TO-- AND I'M AN  
7 ACTON RESIDENT. 25-YEAR RESIDENT OF ACTON. AND I AM ON THE  
8 ACTON TOWN COUNCIL. I WOULD REALLY APPRECIATE GIVING MY TIME  
9 TO ANOTHER PERSON ON THE TOWN COUNCIL, PLEASE. I'M A LITTLE  
10 STRESSED, SORRY.

11

12 **KELLY ROSE:** HI, MY NAME IS KELLY ROSE. I AM CURRENT RESIDENT  
13 OF LAKE- VIEW TERRACE. I'M THE VICE PRESIDENT OF  
14 COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH FOR THE FOOTHILLS TRAILS DISTRICT  
15 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL. I'M NOT HERE SPEAKING OFFICIALLY FOR THE  
16 BOARD, BUT I AM SPEAKING FOR MANY OF MY FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS  
17 WHEN I SAY THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THIS LETTER. WE ARE A  
18 GROWING COMMUNITY. AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE ACROSS THE  
19 TUJUNGA WASH WILL HALT ANY FURTHER GROWTH, STALL PROPERTY  
20 VALUES AND LIKELY ENSURE THE ABANDONMENT OF COMMUNITY  
21 PROJECTS. THE ELIMINATION OF THE ABOVE THREATENED ELEMENT NOT  
22 JUST IN THE OUR AREA BUT THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY WILL HELP  
23 PRESERVE THE INTEGRITY OF THE COMMUNITIES AND JUST AS  
24 IMPORTANTLY OUR MORALE. SUPPORT OF THIS LETTER SENDS A STRONG  
25 MESSAGE TO THE CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY BUT ALSO





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1 TO THE CITIZENS THAT WE ARE NOT ALONE AND THAT OUR CONCERNS  
2 ARE BEING HEARD. OKAY, TWO MINUTES. I AM A PARENT OF TWO SMALL  
3 CHILDREN, AND WHEN MOVING TO MY AREA MY FOCUS IS GOING TO BE  
4 WORKING WITH THE LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADMINISTRATION TO  
5 INCREASE PARENT INVOLVEMENT AND RESOURCES FOR A SCHOOL THAT IS  
6 CURRENTLY RATED 2 OUT OF 10. SOON AFTER MOVING, I WAS SHOCKED  
7 TO LEARN ABOUT THE PROPOSED EAST CORRIDOR H.S.R. ROUTES,  
8 INCLUDING THE ABOVE GROUND E-2. TO COMPOUND THE NEGLECT OF OUR  
9 SCHOOL, THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION IS WITHIN A HALF MILE OF OUR  
10 CAMPUS. SO RATHER THAN FOCUS ON OUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AND  
11 THE SCHOOL'S VIABILITY, I HAVE BEEN BURDENED WITH A FIGHT TO  
12 PROTECT MY HOME AND COMMUNITY FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS. THANK  
13 YOU SO MUCH FOR PUSHING THIS LETTER FORWARD. WE REALLY  
14 APPRECIATE IT. OUR COMMUNITY HAS SPENT THE LAST TWO YEARS, 2-  
15 1/2 YEARS FIGHTING EVERY DAY. AND THIS LETTER IS A STEP IN THE  
16 RIGHT DIRECTION TO LET US KNOW THAT THE FIGHT IS NOT FOR  
17 NOTHING. THANK YOU.

18  
19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

20  
21 **BILL EICK:** YES. MY NAME IS BILL EICK. I'LL TRY TO HOLD THIS TO  
22 A MINUTE, EVEN THOUGH IT SAYS TWO MINUTES. I'M GOING TO  
23 RESPOND TO THE REPORT BY THE C.E.O. THAT SAYS THAT THIS  
24 PROJECT WOULD HAVE NO EFFECT ON THE COUNTY MITIGATION BANK.  
25 THAT'S ABSOLUTELY NOT TRUE. IT IS WITHIN A COUPLE OF HUNDRED



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1 YARDS OF THE MITIGATION BANK AND THE CONSTRUCTION THERE WILL  
2 HAVE A DELETERIOUS EFFECT ON THE MITIGATION BANK THAT HAS  
3 ENDANGERED, FEDERALLY LISTED ENDANGERED ANIMALS. AND IT IS  
4 SOMETHING THAT YOU REALLY NEED. I APPRECIATE YOUR PAYING  
5 ATTENTION TO IT. I JUST THINK THAT THE C.E.O. IN THAT REPORT  
6 WAS WRONG. SHE DIDN'T FULLY UNDERSTAND WHAT WAS GOING ON. SHE  
7 SAID "OH, THE OTHER PROPERTY WHERE IT'S GOING TO BE BUILT IS  
8 PRIVATE LAND." IT IS NOT PRIVATE LAND. IT'S OWNED BY THE ARMY  
9 CORPS OF ENGINEERS. IT'S ALL SUBJECT TO A 404 PERMIT. IT'S  
10 JUST A LACK OF UNDERSTANDING. BUT I APPRECIATE YOUR AMENDMENT  
11 AND VERY MUCH APPRECIATE ALL OF EVERYBODY'S WORK ON THIS  
12 MATTER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

15

16 **CILE BORMAN:** MY NAME IS CILE BORMAN. I'M A RESIDENT OF LAKE  
17 VIEW TERRACE. LAKE VIEW TERRACE IS A DIVERSE, CULTURAL,  
18 ETHNIC, BLUE COLLAR, MIDDLE INCOME COMMUNITY. WE ALSO HAVE A  
19 HIGH INSTANCE OF ASTHMA AFFECTING OUR SCHOOL CHILDREN. SO WE  
20 APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S LETTER OF SUPPORT OPPOSING THE E-2  
21 ALIGNMENT THAT WOULD CAUSE THE BIG TUJUNGA WASH AT OR ABOVE  
22 GROUND. WE ALSO SUPPORT OTHER COMMUNITIES WHO FACE THREAT OF  
23 ANY ABOVE GROUND ROUTES THAT WOULD IMPACT THEIR COMMUNITIES.  
24 AND LASTLY, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR RESTORING TO ME  
25 CONFIDENCE AND A FEELING OF TRUST AND BELIEF IN THE BOARD AND



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1 ITS ABILITY TO SET AN EXAMPLE FOR OTHER PUBLIC SERVICE  
2 REPRESENTATIVES TO FOLLOW. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

5

6 **DAVID DEPINTO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. DAVID DEPINTO. PRESIDENT,  
7 SHADOW HILLS PROPERTY OWNERS' ASSOCIATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
8 FOR THIS MOTION, AND THE INTENT OF THIS MOTION. EVER SINCE  
9 HIGH-SPEED RAIL ENTERED SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, THEY HAVE  
10 UNDERESTIMATED OR MISJUDGED THE IMPACT OF HIGH-SPEED TRAINS ON  
11 DENSELY POPULATED AND SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL AREAS. IT'S NOT  
12 JUST THE FINISHED PRODUCT, IT'S THE NEXT FIVE TO TEN YEARS OF  
13 ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES, FIVE TO TEN YEARS OF CONSTRUCTION  
14 IMPACTS THAT YOUR COMMUNITIES ARE ALL FACING. THE DECISION TO  
15 REMOVE THE ABOVE GROUND ROUTES FROM OTHER AREAS IN THE COUNTY  
16 WAS A GOOD DECISION. BUT AS WE SAID A FEW WEEKS AGO THERE'S  
17 UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND THIS MOTION ADDRESSES THAT. AND IT  
18 ACCOMPLISHES SOMETHING ELSE THAT'S REALLY, REALLY IMPORTANT.  
19 THOSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS NOW I THINK ARE PRETTY WELL KNOWN.  
20 WE'VE KIND OF WORN THAT OUT AND EXHAUSTED THAT. IT'S PRETTY  
21 OBVIOUS WHAT THE ABOVE GROUND IMPACTS ARE. BUT IT IS SO  
22 CRUCIAL RIGHT NOW TO CREATE WHAT WE HAVE BEEN REFERRING TO AS  
23 A UNITED FRONT. THE UNITED FRONT IS PEOPLE IN COMMUNITIES AND  
24 OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS THAT HAVE COMMON GROUND ON THIS ISSUE.  
25 THESE ABOVE GROUND ROUTES, THAT'S THE COMMON GROUND. YOU



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1 CANNOT PUT A 220 MILE AN HOUR TRAIN 60-FOOT TALL AND WIDE  
2 TUNNELS AND THESE CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS IN THE MIDST OF THIS  
3 DENSELY POPULATED AND SENSITIVE ENVIRONMENTAL ARENA. SO THANK  
4 YOU FOR THE MOTION. I CAN TELL YOU THAT OTHER ELECTED  
5 OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES ARE AWAITING WORD ON THE OUTCOME OF  
6 THIS MOTION TODAY. THIS IS THE LEADERSHIP WE'VE BEEN LOOKING  
7 FOR. THIS IS THE UNITED FRONT WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR. AND WE  
8 HOPE THAT YOU CAN STAY WITH US TO SHARE YOUR EMOTION TODAY  
9 WITH C.O.G., WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD, WITH THE CITY COUNCIL,  
10 WITH OTHER, WITH THE STATE LEGISLATURE AS THE MOTION READS SO  
11 THAT EVERYONE UNDERSTANDS, MOST IMPORTANTLY THAT HIGH-SPEED  
12 RAIL UNDERSTANDS UNEQUIVOCALLY THERE IS NO WIGGLE ROOM ON  
13 THESE ABOVE GROUND ROUTES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE NINA ROYAL. JACKIE  
16 AYER. ARNOLD SACHS. HERMAN HERMAN. GERI MANNING. DAVID  
17 GONZALES.

18

19 **NINA ROYAL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M NINA ROYAL. THANK YOU SO VERY,  
20 VERY MUCH. WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT. I REPRESENT THE SUNLAND  
21 TUJUNGA NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL LAND USE COMMITTEE. WE FULLY  
22 SUPPORT THIS MOTION. AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED, THE TUJUNGA WASH IS  
23 IN SUNLAND TUJUNGA AND SHARED WITH LAKE VIEW TERRACE AND  
24 SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES. WE ARE IN THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AND  
25 H.S.R. WILL HAVE A SEVERE NEGATIVE IMPACT ON OUR AREA KNOWN



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1   NATIONALLY FOR ITS HEALTHY AIR BENEFITS FOR RESIDENTS LIKE  
2   MYSELF WHO HAVE RESPIRATORY DISEASE. C.H.S.R. HAS DISRESPECTED  
3   OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES BY NOT  
4   SUBMITTING PROMISED, UP FRONT ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES IN WATER,  
5   SEISMIC TUNNELING AND EQUESTRIAN IMPACTS. NOR THEY HAVE BEEN  
6   COMMUNICATING WITH OUR RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS IN A  
7   TIMELY MANNER. IN MY OPINION, IT'S CRIMINAL THAT C.H.S.R.  
8   HOLDS OUR COMMUNITIES HOSTAGE, REQUIRING OUR MEMBERS TO PUT  
9   THEIR LIVES ON HOLD DEVALUING THEIR PROPERTY AND SIGNIFICANTLY  
10   DELAYING THEIR ABILITY TO MOVE FORWARD THEIR LIVES FOR YEARS.  
11   SEE THE PICTURE THAT I GAVE YOU. OVER A QUARTER MILLION PEOPLE  
12   WOULD BE SEEING THIS MONSTROSITY IN OUR PROTECTED AREA THAT  
13   WILL FOREVER CHANGE THE ENVIRONMENT AND CHARACTER OF OUR  
14   UNIQUE COMMUNITIES. WE'RE VERY HAPPY THAT YOU SUPPORT THIS  
15   MOTION. THANK YOU.

16  
17   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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19   **GERI MANNING:** HI, I'M GERI MANNING. I'M NOT SURE IF THIS  
20   DESCRIPTION IS CLEAR OF WHY THE COUNTY IS OPPOSING THE  
21   ALIGNMENT. THEREFORE I WOULD DISCUSS ON SPECIFIC MATTERS THAT  
22   I AM AWARE OF. I WAS ARRESTED ON THE CALIFORNIA METROLINK IN  
23   2009, ALMOST TO THE DATE OF THE PLESSY VERSUS FERGUSON CASE.  
24   THEREIN LIES MY INTEREST IN THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL DUE TO THE  
25   FACT THAT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ANGELES CHEF DEPARTMENT IS



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1 CONDUCTIVE WITH THE METRO RAIL. SO I'M WONDERING IF THERE IS A  
2 CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN THIS ITEM.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HIGH SPEED RAIL IS NOT METROLINK. HIGH-SPEED  
5 RAIL IS A STATE PROJECT. METROLINK IS A FIVE-COUNTY, SIX-  
6 COUNTY. THAT'S APPLE AND ORANGE.

7

8 **GERI MANNING:** THAT'S WHY I SAY IT'S NOT SPECIFYING.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE JUST TALKING ABOUT HIGH-SPEED RAIL.

11

12 **GERI MANNING:** ALL RIGHT. WELL THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL, I'M NOT  
13 SURE IF THAT IS ENOUGH DESCRIPTION FOR THE PUBLIC TO BE AWARE  
14 OF UNDERSTANDING THE DETAILS THEREOF.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS DOES NOT IMPACT METROLINK. THIS IS HIGH-  
17 SPEED RAIL.

18

19 **GERI MANNING:** RIGHT. FROM TUJUNGA TO THE BIG WASH AT THE ABOVE  
20 GRADE. IT'S NOT SPECIFICALLY STATED WHETHER OR NOT THE  
21 INTEREST TO THE PUBLIC THEREOF. IT'S NOT RELEASING THE  
22 INFORMATION WHY YOU ALL ARE OPPOSING THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL. I  
23 LISTENED TO ARGUMENTS BUT IT STILL WASN'T WITH SPECIFICITY.

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MA'AM. ARNOLD?



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2   **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS. AND A COUPLE

3   THINGS. WITH WHATEVER MOTION YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE, YOU ARE

4   EFFECTIVELY ELIMINATING ABOVE GROUND HIGH-SPEED RAIL IN THE

5   NORTHERN PART OF THE COUNTY. SO I'M WAITING FOR YOU TO PUT

6   TOGETHER THE FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TO THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL

7   COMMISSION AND TO THE GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA AND TO THE STATE

8   LEGISLATURE STATING THAT OPINION THAT YOU DO NOT WANT HIGH-

9   SPEED RAIL ABOVE GROUND, WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY WILL TRIPLE THE

10   COST OF HIGH-SPEED RAIL. WHICH ESSENTIALLY WILL BRING THE

11   PEOPLE WHO ARE UPSET ABOUT HIGH- SPEED RAIL IN THE MIDDLE OF

12   THE STATE AND THE COSTS THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH IT STATING

13   THAT THE PROJECTED COSTS ARE NOT WITHIN THE REALM OF REALITY.

14   WELL UNDERGROUNDING HIGH-SPEED RAIL WILL CERTAINLY PUT IT

15   THREE PLANETS PAST THE REALM OF REALITY. SO WHY DON'T YOU GET

16   TOGETHER AND PUT THE FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER TOGETHER STATING

17   YOUR SUPPORT FOR YOUR CONSTITUENTS AND YOUR DISAGREEMENT WITH

18   THESE ALIGNMENTS SO THAT THEY CAN LOOK AT THE STATE AND SAY,

19   WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY FOR THIS PROJECT. WE JUST DON'T HAVE

20   THE MONEY. NOW, THE ONE WOMAN WAS TALKING ABOUT METROLINK. BUT

21   THERE WERE SOME DISCUSSIONS ABOUT HIGH-SPEED RAIL SHARING SOME

22   OF THE TRACK IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WITH METROLINK. SO WHAT

23   HAPPENS HERE? AND THEN AGAIN I REITERATE AN ARTICLE THAT I

24   READ ABOUT A PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP, PEOPLE WHO WANTED TO

25   BUILD HIGH- SPEED RAIL TO LAS VEGAS, THAT THE CHINESE ENTITY





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1 THAT WAS GOING TO BACK PART OF THAT PROJECT DROPPED OUT OF IT.  
2 BUT THE AMERICAN AGENCY WAS STILL WILLING TO GO FORWARD. AND  
3 THEY EXPECT TO FOLLOW THE SAME ROUTE AS THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

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7 **ARNOLD SACHS:** --BUT YOU'RE NOT ANSWERING.

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9 **HERMAN HERMAN:** WELL WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT SPEED RAIL, WE'RE  
10 TALKING ABOUT THE IMPACT, TO NOT JUST THE ENVIRONMENT, BUT THE  
11 IMPACT TO OUR COMMUNITIES. BECAUSE YOU HEARD THE TESTIMONY OF  
12 THE PUBLIC TODAY, WE DON'T AGREE WITH IT. I SPECIFICALLY DO  
13 NOT AGREE WITH IT BECAUSE IT IMPACTS MY HEALTH. MY  
14 RESPIRATORY. BUT NO ONE CARES BECAUSE IF YOU DID, YOU WOULD  
15 HAVE BUILT WALLS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BALDWIN PARK LINE OF THE  
16 METROLINK, WHICH IS A DIFFERENT STORY AS BROUGHT OUT BY MR.  
17 ANTONOVICH. THANK YOU FOR CORRECTING THE LADY EARLIER. BUT THE  
18 ISSUE HERE HAS TO DO WITH A UNITED FRONT TO STOP THE RAILROAD  
19 FROM GOING THROUGH TUJUNGA WASH. IT IMPACTS THE ENVIRONMENT.  
20 LITTLE PRETTY ANIMALS LIKE THIS THAT ROAM THE AREA AND THEY'RE  
21 FURRY, FUZZY AND CUTE. THERE ARE SQUIRRELS, THERE ARE RABBITS,  
22 THERE ARE COYOTES. A LOT OF WILDLIFE. SO WE CAN DO THINGS LIKE  
23 THAT. BESIDES, MOST OF THESE PROJECTS ALWAYS GO THROUGH PHASES  
24 AND THE PHASES ALWAYS CHANGE. NEVER STICK TO THE DIRECT PLAN.  
25 AND THAT'S WHY THE PUBLIC DOES NOT WANT THIS TO GO THROUGH OR



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1 GO FORWARD. I OBJECT. I OBJECT BECAUSE EVERY TIME THERE'S A  
2 PROPOSAL FOR THE SPEED RAIL, IT HAS CHANGED. ALWAYS SOMEONE  
3 DOING BAD DEALS BEHIND THOSE CURTAINS THERE. THOSE BIG BLUE  
4 CURTAINS. AND THAT'S NOT APPROPRIATE. TWO THINGS FOR THE  
5 QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE PUBLIC. RESPECT OUR RIGHTS AS CITIZENS  
6 TO BE HEARD UNDER THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE RALPH M. BROWN ACT  
7 54-950, NOT BUILD GARAGES INTO HOMES BUT MAKE HOMES THAT ARE  
8 LIVABLE FOR A POPULATION OF PEOPLE THAT WANT TO USE SPEED RAIL  
9 BUT NOT ON THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS BROUGHT ABOUT BY THIS  
10 CONDITION HERE. IT'S NONSENSE. STOP BAMBOOZLING THE PUBLIC.  
11 STATE FACTS. LISTEN TO OUR OPINIONS. AND I OBJECT. MOTION  
12 OVERRULED.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

15

16 **JACQUELINE AYER:** THANK YOU. YES MY NAME IS JACQUELINE AYER.  
17 I'M WE THE ACTON TOWN COUNCIL. ABOUT A YEAR AND A HALF AGO  
18 WHEN PRESIDENT OBAMA SIGNED THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS NATIONAL  
19 MONUMENT PROCLAMATION HE ESTABLISHED SPECIAL INTEREST AREAS  
20 THAT REQUIRE SPECIAL PROTECTION. AND THE FIRST SPECIAL  
21 INTEREST AREA HE IDENTIFIED IS SOMETHING CALLED THE ALISO  
22 ARRASTRE SPECIAL INTEREST AREA. THE ALISO ARRASTRE SPECIAL  
23 INTEREST AREA IS IN THE HEART OF ACTON. NOW, I HAVE HERE, I  
24 HAVE SUBMITTED THIS TO STAFF BEFORE, BUT NOT IN TIME FOR THIS  
25 AND I APOLOGIZE. THIS IS A MAP OF THE ACTUAL NEW TRAIN ROUTES



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1 THAT HAVE BEEN JUST RELEASED A MONTH OR SO AGO WITH ACTON'S  
2 BOUNDARIES. AND IF YOU SEE AND IF YOU TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT  
3 THEIR MAPS, YOU WILL SEE THAT WITH WHAT THIS TRAIN DOES ON E-2  
4 IS IT TRANSITIONED FROM BELOW GROUND TO ABOVE GROUND AT THE  
5 FOREST BOUNDARY, AT THE MONUMENT BOUNDARY THREE DIFFERENT  
6 TIMES. E-2 ACTUALLY CREATES MORE ABOVE GROUND, ALMOST THREE  
7 TIMES THE AMOUNT OF ABOVE GROUND ALIGNMENT IN THE COMMUNITY OF  
8 ACTON THAN BUT DOWN IN TUJUNGA. NOW THE FACT IS, THE ACTON  
9 TOWN COUNCIL STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS MOTION BUT IT DOESN'T GO  
10 FAR ENOUGH BECAUSE IT REMAINS-- IT IS UTTERLY SILENT ON THE  
11 MUCH LONGER ABOVE GROUND SECTIONS IN E-2 THAT SUBSTANTIALLY  
12 AFFECT THE ALISO ARRASTRE SPECIAL INTEREST AREA BECAUSE IT  
13 GOES BELOW GROUND RIGHT AT THE BOUNDARY. AND IT ALSO DECIMATES  
14 ACTON. WE'RE ALSO CONCERNED THAT IT IS SILENT ON THE  
15 SIGNIFICANT ABOVE-GROUND EFFECTS THAT THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL WILL  
16 HAVE ON OUR HIGH SCHOOL OF THE H.S.R. 14 ROUTE. BRAND NEW HIGH  
17 SCHOOL, IT'S LESS THAN 1,500 FEET, RIGHT HERE OVER THE 14  
18 FREEWAY. SO THE COMMUNITY OF ACTON SUPPORTS THIS BOARD'S  
19 INTENTION OF PROTECTING THE TUJUNGA WASH AREA AT THE 210  
20 FREEWAY OVERPASS BUT WE NEED TO HAVE THIS SAME KIND OF  
21 PROTECTION FOR THE COMMUNITY OF ACTON WHERE IT PASSES OVER THE  
22 14 FREEWAY WITHIN 1,400 FEET OF OUR BRAND NEW HIGH SCHOOL THAT  
23 THIS COMMUNITY HAS WORKED AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH KNOWS,  
24 WORKED VERY HARD TO GET THE BOND FOR THAT SCHOOL. FOR 10  
25 YEARS, 10 YEARS, I PERSONALLY ON BEHALF OF THE ACTON TOWN



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1 COUNCIL AND ON BEHALF OF STAKEHOLDERS IN ACTON HAVE WORKED  
2 VERY HARD AND MET MANY TIMES WITH THE ENGINEERS ON HIGH SPEED  
3 RAIL. I HAVE SHOWN THEM OVER AND OVER HOW THEY CAN DESIGN THIS  
4 SYSTEM SO THAT IT IS BELOW GROUND IN ACTON AND AWAY FROM HOMES  
5 AND PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY. THAT IS WHAT WE ARE SEEKING HERE.  
6 WE ARE SEEKING THAT IF IT CAN'T GO INTO THIS MOTION, THAT  
7 ACTON BE PROTECTED, THAT WE SEEK IT IN ANOTHER MOTION THAT  
8 COMES OUT VERY QUICKLY BECAUSE THE DRAFT E.I.R. WILL BE COMING  
9 OUT QUITE SOON. THE FACT IS THAT THIS TRAIN LEAVES PALMDALE AT  
10 ABOUT 2,800 FEET IN ELEVATION. IT RISES VERY QUICKLY IN ORDER  
11 TO PUNCH THROUGH ACTON AT ABOUT 3,200 FEET. IT ROLLS THROUGH  
12 ACTON LIKE A ROLLER COASTER. AND THEN IT DROPS BACK DOWN TO  
13 BURBANK. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO REASON WHY THIS SYSTEM CANNOT  
14 BE DESIGNED TO PROTECT TUJUNGA WASH, TO PROTECT HISTORIC PALM  
15 RANCH. TO PROTECT OUR BRAND NEW SCHOOL. TO PROTECT ALL THE  
16 PEOPLE ALONG FORESTING AND ANGELES FOREST HIGHWAY AND SHADOW  
17 CANYON, ALL OVER THE PLACE. SO THE ACTON TOWN COUNCIL IS  
18 ASKING THAT YOU APPROVE THIS MOTION, SO THAT YOU PLEASE  
19 CONSIDER QUICKLY ON THE HEELS OF THIS MOTION AN IDENTICAL  
20 MOTION THAT WILL ALSO PROTECT ACTON AND THE ALISO ARRASTRE  
21 SPECIAL INTEREST AREA AND THE SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS NATIONAL  
22 MONUMENT TO THE SAME LEVEL AND EXTENT THAT YOU SEEK TO PROTECT  
23 TUJUNGA WASH HERE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
24



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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. OUR LAST SPEAKER IS DAVID  
2   GONZALEZ, IF HE'S HERE.

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4   **DAVID GONZALES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. I'M  
5   DAVID GONZALES, EDUCATION DEPUTY TO LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL  
6   DISTRICT BOARD MEMBER, MONICA RADLIFFE WHO REPRESENTS THE  
7   COMMUNITIES OF THE NORTHEAST SAN FERNANDO VALLEY YESTERDAY  
8   BOARD MEMBER RADLIFFE VISITED THE PROPOSED ABOVE-GROUND. HIGH-  
9   SPEED RAIL SECTION IN LAKE VIEW TERRACE AND SHADOW HILLS WITH  
10   PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS. BOARD MEMBER RADLIFFE IS  
11   EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF THE HIGH-  
12   SPEED RAIL'S PROXIMITY TO BRAINARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND LAKE  
13   VIEW TERRACE. THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF HIGH SPEED  
14   RAIL WOULD HAVE THE UTMOST POTENTIAL TO NOT ONLY NEGATIVELY  
15   IMPACT SCHOOL OPERATIONS BUT ALSO NEGATIVELY AFFECT THE HEALTH  
16   AND WELL-BEING OF CHILDREN THROUGH INCREASED NOISE AND  
17   ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTANTS. THE REFINED E-2 ROUTE WOULD ALSO  
18   DISPLACE MANY FAMILIES FROM THE COMMUNITY AT A TIME WHEN THE  
19   SCHOOL DISTRICT IS ALREADY SUFFERING FROM DECLINING  
20   ENROLLMENT. THEREFORE, BOARD MEMBER RATLIFFE STRONGLY  
21   ENCOURAGES YOU TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION TO  
22   OPPOSE THE REFINED E-2 ALIGNMENT FOR THE PALMDALE TO BURBANK  
23   SECTION OF THE HIGH-SPEED RAIL PROJECT. THANK YOU FOR KEEPING  
24   IN MIND THE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AS  
25   YOU CONSIDER THIS IMPORTANT MATTER.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US. IT  
3 HAS BEEN AMENDED. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY  
4 KUEHL. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. MOVING ON,  
5 MEMBERS, NOW TO ITEM 14. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, MAY I ASK THAT WE HEAR FROM  
8 THOSE WHO WISH TO BE HEARD BY WAY OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND WE CAN  
9 PROCEED FROM THERE PERTAINING TO THE FAMILY FIRST SERVICES  
10 ACT. IT'S COME TO US AS A MATTER OF SIGNIFICANT POLICY  
11 CONCERN. THEN I'LL SHARE MY REMARKS AFTER THOSE WHO ARE  
12 REQUESTING THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ARE HEARD.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE ARE STILL ABIDING BY THE 1 MINUTE  
15 RULE, FOLKS. WE REALIZE THERE'S SOME PEOPLE THAT ARE DEFERRING  
16 THEIR MINUTES OR HAD IN THE PAST TO OTHERS. BUT PLEASE TRY TO  
17 HELP US ALONG HERE. SO WE HAVE JOSEPH MAIZLISH. DR. GENEVIEVE  
18 CLAVREUL. NISHA KASHYAP. ARNOLD SACHS.

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IN THE INTEREST OF TIME, I'LL PROCEED,  
21 MADAME CHAIR, IF YOU WANT TO CALL THEM UP AFTERWARDS. LET ME  
22 SIMPLY SAY WE ARE EXTREMELY APPRECIATIVE OF THE INVESTMENT OF  
23 TIME, ENERGY AND EFFORT THAT GOES INTO WHAT IS ESSENTIALLY A  
24 BIPARTISAN, BICAMERAL PROPOSAL. AN UNDERTAKING OF THIS SIZE IS  
25 NO SMALL FEAT. PAST EFFORTS TO REFORM AND UPDATE CHILD WELFARE



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1 LEGISLATION HAVE FREQUENTLY FAILED EVEN TO MAKE IT OUT OF  
2 COMMITTEE. SO WE APPLAUD THE POSITIVE ASPECTS OF H.R.5456 SUCH  
3 AS THE REIMBURSEMENTS FOR PREVENTION SERVICES THROUGH TITLE  
4 IV-E. THIS IS UNPRECEDENTED AND WILL KEEP FAMILIES OF CHILDREN  
5 WHO ARE MOST AT RISK OF BEING DETAINED FROM THEIR HOMES AS A  
6 RESULT OF NEGLECT AND/OR ABUSE. HOWEVER TO FUND THESE  
7 SERVICES, THE BILL USES MORE THAN \$700 MILLION INTENDED FOR  
8 ADOPTION ASSISTANCE SUBSIDIES FOR PARENTS WHO ADOPT YOUNG  
9 CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS OUT OF FOSTER CARE. SO H.R.5456  
10 SEEKS TO REDUCE THE NUMBERS OF YOUNG PEOPLE REMOVED FROM THEIR  
11 HOMES AND PLACED IN CONGREGATE CARE SETTINGS. IT ALSO HAS  
12 STRICT GUIDELINES FOR WHAT CONGREGATE CARE SHOULD LOOK LIKE.  
13 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IS PREPARING TO DO THE SAME THING  
14 THROUGH ITS CONTINUUM OF CARE REFORM WHICH GOES INTO EFFECT ON  
15 JANUARY 1, 2017. H.R.5456 WOULD ELIMINATE SUPPORT FOR THE  
16 SUCCESSFUL TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PLACEMENT PROGRAM WHICH SERVES  
17 16 AND 17-YEAR-OLDS WITH INTENSIVE INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS  
18 DEVELOPMENT. AND H.R.5456 PROPOSES A NARROW MEDICAL MODEL,  
19 WHEREAS THE STATE WILL ALLOW COUNTIES TO TAILOR CONGREGATE  
20 CARE TO OFFER DIFFERENT KINDS OF SPECIALIZED CARE FOR SPECIFIC  
21 POPULATIONS. MADAME CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, I THINK IT'S  
22 IMPORTANT TO KNOW FOR COMMERCIALLY SEXUALLY EXPLOITED CHILDREN  
23 AND OTHER VULNERABLE POPULATIONS HIGHLY SPECIALIZED HOUSING  
24 AND SERVICES ARE CRITICAL TO THEIR SURVIVAL. MAKE IT LESS  
25 LIKELY THAT THEY WILL RETURN TO THEIR EXPLOITERS, PIMPS,





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1 TRAFFICKERS, ET CETERA, INCLUDE JOHNS. SINCE 2007, THE COUNTY  
2 OF LOS ANGELES HAS REDUCED THE AVERAGE MONTHLY NUMBER OF  
3 FEDERALLY ELIGIBLE CHILDREN IN GROUP HOMES BY 60 PERCENT BY  
4 USING THE TITLE IV-E WAIVER DOLLARS. THIS WAIVER IS SET TO  
5 EXPIRE ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2019 WHEN MANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF  
6 H.R.5456 WILL TAKE EFFECT. WE NEED TO BE CERTAIN THAT WHATEVER  
7 IS IN PLACE ON OCTOBER 1, 2019 WILL ENABLE US TO CONTINUE  
8 REDUCING THE NUMBER OF YOUTH IN CONGREGATE CARE AND CONTINUE  
9 TO PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY SERVICES TO FAMILIES AND CHILDREN AT  
10 RISK OF ENTERING THE DEPENDENCY SYSTEM. BECAUSE OF THE  
11 EXTREMELY SHORT TIMEFRAME, IT HAS BEEN PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE,  
12 LET'S SIMPLY SAY, IT'S NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO CONDUCT A THOROUGH  
13 ANALYSIS OF THE FULL COST OF IMPLEMENTING THE PROPOSED  
14 LEGISLATION. IN THE END, IT WILL BE UP TO THE STATE AND IN  
15 THIS CASE CALIFORNIA AS WELL AS COUNTY GOVERNMENTS TO  
16 IMPLEMENT AND FINANCE MOST OF IT. RED FLAG. SO BECAUSE  
17 CALIFORNIA REQUIRES ITS COUNTIES TO FINANCE THE ENTIRE NON-  
18 FEDERAL SHARE OF FOSTER CARE COSTS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
19 FINANCES MORE NON-FEDERAL FOSTER CARE COSTS THAN ANY STATE  
20 GOVERNMENT. THAT INCLUDES THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. WE'RE NOT  
21 ESSENTIALLY MAKING THESE REMARKS TO CONDEMN THE BILL OR VERY--  
22 TO DISPARAGE THE VERY HARD WORK THAT WENT INTO IT. WE HAVE  
23 COLLEAGUES AND ADVOCATES WITH WHOM WE HAVE STRONG  
24 RELATIONSHIPS AND THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN LONG TIME SUPPORTERS AND  
25 WE WORK WITH THEM CLOSELY. WE'RE SIMPLY ASKING OUR SENATORS



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1 AND TO MAKE SURE THAT CALIFORNIA AND ITS COUNTIES ARE PROVIDED  
2 THE TIME TO ENGAGE IN A THOUGHTFUL REVIEW OF THE BILL IN ITS  
3 ENTIRETY AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE MEANINGFUL FEEDBACK.  
4 THIS IS THE THRUST OF THE FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER THAT IS BEFORE  
5 YOU. I TRUST THAT IT IS UNDERSTOOD WHAT OUR INTENT IS. AND  
6 ESSENTIALLY TO BORROW A PHRASE FROM A COLLEAGUE WHO'S SHARED  
7 THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH: DO NO HARM. MADAME CHAIR?

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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11 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I VERY STRONGLY  
12 SUPPORT OUR POSITION IN THIS LETTER AND HOPE THAT WE WILL SEND  
13 IT QUICKLY. AS MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS SAID,  
14 OUR COLLEAGUES WHO SUPPORT THIS IN CONGRESS WHO CARE VERY MUCH  
15 ABOUT FOSTER CHILDREN AND FOSTER YOUTH ARE KIND OF TRYING TO  
16 FIGURE OUT A WAY TO GET SOMETHING INSTEAD OF NOTHING. BUT IT'S  
17 INTERESTING TO ME THAT STATES WERE NOT REALLY ASKED WHAT THEY  
18 THOUGHT OF THIS OFFICIALLY. NOR DID ANY OF US REALLY HAVE AN  
19 OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND. THIS HAS BEEN BUBBLING UP FOR SEVERAL  
20 YEARS. SUDDENLY IT WAS FAST TRACKED IN THE HOUSE. I DON'T  
21 THINK THERE WAS ANYTHING NEFARIOUS ABOUT IT. I THINK THEY  
22 WORKED HARD TO GET WHAT THEY COULD. BUT THE PERHAPS UNINTENDED  
23 CONSEQUENCES ARE VERY NEGATIVE FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
24 BECAUSE AMONG OTHER STATES, WE HAVE A DIFFERENT KIND OF  
25 ELIGIBILITY SYSTEM FOR OUR KIDS SO THAT THEY CAN GET SERVICES



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1 EVEN AFTER THEY'VE BEEN OUT OF THEIR ORIGINAL HOME FOR A  
2 LITTLE LONGER THAN THIS ACT WOULD ALLOW. SO IT'S SORT OF LIKE  
3 BEING PECKED TO DEATH BY DUCKS. THIS ACT WOULD SAY WELL, YOU  
4 CAN DO THIS THAT YOU'RE DOING, CALIFORNIA, BUT YOU CAN'T DO  
5 THIS FOR THIS LITTLE PART OF THE POPULATION. AND BY THE TIME  
6 YOU ADD THEM ALL UP, OUR FOSTER YOUTH AND OUR FOSTER CHILDREN  
7 WILL HAVE SUFFERED. STATE OF NEW YORK IS ALSO SENDING A  
8 LETTER. THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SENT A LETTER. STATE OF NORTH  
9 CAROLINA IS SENDING A LETTER. AND I THINK PROBABLY TODAY WE  
10 WILL HAVE SEEN FOUR OR FIVE MORE STATES AS THEY ANALYZE THIS  
11 ACT. AND IT'S INTEREST TO ME, IT IS ALSO NOT GOING THROUGH A  
12 COMMITTEE IN THE SENATE. I THINK AGAIN IT'S BEING FAST TRACKED  
13 AND PROBABLY BECAUSE SOME OF ITS REPUBLICAN AUTHORS HAVE SAID  
14 "LOOK, WE CARE ABOUT FOSTER KIDS. WE WANT TO GO THIS FAR. WE  
15 DON'T WANT THEM IN CONGREGATE CARE, WITH WHICH WE AGREE. SO  
16 LET'S AT LEAST DO THIS." NOW IN SACRAMENTO WE WOULD SAY WE  
17 COULD DO CLEANUP LEGISLATION NEXT YEAR. BUT THAT'S NOT HOW IT  
18 WORKS. I THINK I WOULD ASK YOU FOR VALIDATION FROM THAT, THE  
19 ONLY ONE WHO ACTUALLY SERVED IN CONGRESS. BUT I JUST DON'T  
20 THINK IT'S THAT EASY. AND THIS IS NOT THE KIND OF THING THAT  
21 CAN BE TAKEN CARE OF IN REGULATION BECAUSE REGULATION HAS TO  
22 FOLLOW WHAT THE ACT SAYS. IT CAN'T GO BEYOND IT. SO I HOPE  
23 THAT WE WILL ALL AGREE AND SEND THIS QUICKLY. THANK YOU.  
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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. WE DO HAVE OTHER PUBLIC  
2   SPEAKERS. NISHA KASHYAP, REPRESENTING THE ALLIANCE FOR  
3   CHILDREN'S RIGHTS. I DON'T KNOW IF I'M PRONOUNCING HER NAME  
4   CORRECTLY. WE ALSO HAVE MATTHEWS AND CAROLINE SIM AND GERI  
5   MANNING. JUST STEP TO UP THE PLATE AND INTRODUCE YOURSELF.

6

7   **MARTHA MATTHEWS:** IF IT WOULD BE OKAY TO GO FIRST, I'M MARTHA  
8   MATTHEWS, I'M THE DIRECTOR OF THE CHILDREN'S RIGHTS PROJECT TO  
9   PUBLIC COUNSEL HERE IN LOS ANGELES. I JUST WANT TO THANK  
10   SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE  
11   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THIS COULD NOT BE MORE TIMELY. WHEN SOME  
12   OF US ADVOCATES TRIED TO EXPRESS CONCERNS WITH THE ACT, WE  
13   WERE BASICALLY TOLD TAKE IT OR LEAVE IT THIS THIS IS THE  
14   LANGUAGE. YOU COULD EITHER KILL A BILL WHICH FOR THE FIRST  
15   TIME EVER OPENS UP FEDERAL TITLE IV-E TO PREVENTIVE SERVICES  
16   AND SORT OF BE THE BAD KID AT THE PARTY OR YOU COULD JUST  
17   SWALLOW THIS LANGUAGE. THERE'S NO ROOM FOR AMENDMENTS. THERE'S  
18   NO DISCUSSION. GO AWAY. AND THAT'S THE MESSAGE THAT THE STATE  
19   TRIED. THE COUNTY'S TRIED. AND FOR A WHILE IT WAS JUST US IN  
20   CALIFORNIA. AND THEN FORTUNATELY NEW YORK WAS LIKE, HEY, WAIT  
21   A MINUTE. AND JUST TODAY NORTH CAROLINA IS LIKE, EXCUSE ME.  
22   THE COMPROMISES, THE FISCAL COMPROMISES, THAT WERE MADE TO GET  
23   THIS BILL PASSED, CUT TOO DEEP AND ACTUALLY COULD HARM THE  
24   VERY CHILDREN AND FAMILIES THE BILL WAS INTENDED TO PROTECT.  
25   SO THIS LETTER TODAY IS GOING TO BE SO TIMELY IN TERMS OF



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1 ENCOURAGING THE SPONSORS OF THE BILL TO ACTUALLY NEGOTIATE  
2 JUST A LITTLE BIT, WHICH IS ALL THAT ANYONE WAS EVER ASKING  
3 FOR. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH. AND I'M AVAILABLE TO ANSWER  
4 QUESTIONS IF ANYONE WANTS TO DISCUSS THE FISCAL DETAILS, I'M  
5 PREPARED TO DO SO.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

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9 **NISHA KASHYAP:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS NISHA KASHYAP. I'M  
10 AN ATTORNEY AT THE ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS. I'D LIKE TO  
11 ECHO THE STATEMENTS MADE BY MISS MATTHEWS. THE ALLIANCE STANDS  
12 WITH PUBLIC COUNSEL AND OUR STATE PARTNERS INCLUDING CHILDREN  
13 NOW, THE SOCIAL CHANGE PARTNERS, THE CALIFORNIA STATE  
14 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, THE COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
15 ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA AND THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION  
16 OF COUNTIES. AND WE SHARE THEIR SIGNIFICANT CONCERNS ABOUT  
17 H.R.5456'S IMPACTS ON THE FOSTER YOUTH OF L.A. COUNTY.  
18 ACCORDINGLY WE URGE THE BOARD TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK  
19 YOU.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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23 **GERI MANNING:** HI, I'M GERI MANNING AGAIN. I'M STILL GERI. I  
24 WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS, I HAVE A PERSONAL INTEREST IN THIS FIVE  
25 LETTER SIGNATURE THAT YOU ARE PLANNING TO SEND TO THE UNITED



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1 STATES SENATE, DIANE FEINSTEIN AND BARBARA BOXER. I HAVE A  
2 FOUNDATION CALLED THE MANNING LIBERTY FOUNDATION. I JUST WON--  
3 I CONSIDER IT A WIN. THEY DISMISSED MR. WARDEN'S CASE AGAINST  
4 ME FOR MY CLAIMS THAT I'M JUDICIAL PERSECUTED. I'M ALSO  
5 PERSECUTED BY THIS GOVERNMENT, THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, O MY  
6 MANNING LIBERTY IS SPURRING ME TO APPLY FOR NONPROFIT FUNDS  
7 FOR MY ORGANIZATION AND TO GO TO WASHINGTON, D.C. AND TESTIFY  
8 AGAINST THIS COUNTY.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD.

11

12 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. AND THE  
13 CONCERNS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON FOSTER  
14 CHILDREN, THAT TYPE TAIL IS ABOUT 10 MILES LONG, THE PROBLEMS  
15 OF FOSTER CHILDREN. SO FOR YOU TO JUMP IN AND GET ON BOARD  
16 SOMETHING, IT IS ABOUT FUNDING, THAT'S FOR SURE. I'M CONCERNED  
17 WHEN I HEAR ABOUT THE GROUP HOMES THAT THE PRICE THAT GROUP  
18 HOMES GET PER CHILD AND THE CARE THAT THEY GET AND THE LACK OF  
19 CORRECT ACTION BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I'M  
20 CONCERNED ABOUT THE NUMBER OF CASES FOR D.C.F.S. CHILDCARE  
21 WORKERS AND THE LACK OF ACTION BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
22 AND I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT YOU QUOTING A LETTER FROM NORTH  
23 CAROLINA. NORTH CAROLINA! DIDN'T YOU BOYCOTT THEM?

24



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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE HERMAN HERMAN. HUNT. ERIC  
2   PREVEN. AND CAROLINE SIM. GO AHEAD, SIR.

3

4   **RED CHIEF HUNT:** THE RED CHIEF HUNT. MARK RIDLEY AND THE OTHER  
5   SUPERVISOR FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT, I APPLAUD WHAT YOU GUYS  
6   ARE DOING. I COME FROM PROJECT FATHERHOOD. THEM WERE THE GOOD  
7   OLD DAYS WHERE DR. HERSHEL SWINGER COULD GO IN AND GET MONEY,  
8   ANY TYPE OF MONEY FOR D.C.S. AND FOSTER CARE. I THINK WE NEED  
9   TO STILL TRY HARDER. I THINK WE HAVE TO BRING BACK SOME OF OUR  
10  HEAVY HITTEES, PEOPLE THAT CAN GO IN AND GET MONEY AND TALK TO  
11  THE SENATE AND MAKE THINGS HAPPEN. THE USE OF OUR OLD  
12  RESOURCES LIKE SUPERVISOR BURKE AND DR. RONALD BANKS SO WE CAN  
13  GET THE JOB DONE. THERE'S NEVER TOO MUCH MONEY FOR FOSTER  
14  CARE. AND EVERY KID COUNTS. AND WHEN YOU THINK OF IT LIKE  
15  THAT, YOU KNOW EVERY KID NEEDS A PARENT OR THE HOME, LET'S  
16  WORK ON IT EVEN TWICE AS HARDER. THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU GUYS  
17  FOR DOING A GREAT JOB.

18

19   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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21   **HERMAN HERMAN:** YES. AS BROUGHT UP BY THESE SENATORS,  
22  UNFORTUNATELY THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY OUT, BUT TO DO NO HARM WILL  
23  NOT CAUSE AN ACTION OF DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE THE ISSUE ON  
24  CHILDREN IS NOT JUST THE CHILDREN; IT'S THE CHILDREN BECOMING  
25  THE ADULT. THAT CHILD BECOMING A HOMELESS ADULT IN OUR STREET





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1 UNDER SUCH SERVICES. WHAT IS A FAMILY? WHAT IS THE FAMILY  
2 PREVENTION? IT'S TO PREVENT THIS CHILD FROM BECOMING LATER ON  
3 A HOMELESS ADULT. SO THE FAMILIES THAT DO TAKE IN THESE  
4 CHILDREN, I COMMEND YOU. IT TAKES A LOT OF A HUMAN BEING TO  
5 SERVICE AND PROTECT AND CARE FOR ANOTHER HUMAN BEING. THAT'S  
6 LOVE. THAT'S LOVE BUT I DON'T HAVE LOVE BECAUSE I THINK ABOUT  
7 THE ACTION OF A.B.1618 AND 1622 BY MARK LENO IN SACRAMENTO.  
8 THANK YOU.

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ERIC PREVEN. CAROLINE SIM?

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12 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT IS ERIC PREVEN AND I READ ABOUT THIS ITEM  
13 AND I MUST HAVE-- I ALMOST SKIPPED A BEAT BECAUSE HERE IS  
14 CONGRESS PUSHING SOMETHING THROUGH WITH VERY LIMITED PUBLIC  
15 COMMENT OR ANY PUBLIC COMMENT WHATSOEVER. AND OBVIOUSLY THE  
16 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS LEAPT OUT OF THEIR CHAIRS,  
17 APPROPRIATELY. AND THANKS TO THE TIMELY ARRIVAL OF THE  
18 ADVOCATES WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING ALONG WITH MANY IN THE STATE  
19 OF CALIFORNIA, BY THE WAY, TO ENSURE THAT WE CAN GET THE  
20 FUNDING NECESSARY FOR THESE CHILDREN SERVICES. SO THE LACK OF  
21 PUBLIC COMMENT ON THAT IS JUST OUTRAGEOUS. I MUST TELL YOU IN  
22 CONNECTION WITH THAT MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, I WANT TO THANK YOU  
23 FOR ESPECIALLY BEING THE HERO WHO IS ABLE TO CHAMPION THIS.  
24 AND THEN SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I KNOW THAT YOU ARE DILIGENT ABOUT  
25 PROVIDING PUBLIC COMMENT TO THOSE WHO YOU LIKE AND TO THOSE



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1 YOU DON'T LIKE, YOU GIVE THEM THE HAND BUT I DO THINK IN THIS  
2 CASE, MADAME CHAIR, ITEM 25 AND 29 ON TODAY'S BOARD AGENDA  
3 SHOULD BE PROVIDED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK AS  
4 IS CUSTOMARY. TO CONTINUE BOTH OF THOSE ITEMS OR TO CONTINUE  
5 ONE AND THEN TO HOLD ONE YOURSELF AND AS SOON AS I SPEAK  
6 SAYING I'LL SPEAK ON IT LATER, TO CANCEL IT, THAT'S A BIG  
7 PROBLEM. THANK YOU. AND GOOD LUCK ON THIS. WE NEED HELP.

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9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT IT'S  
10 VERY PECULIAR THAT IN SOME INSTANCE WE FIND UNANIMITY BACK IN  
11 CONGRESS. THIS IS OBVIOUSLY ONE OF THOSE AREAS THAT'S VERY  
12 IMPORTANT. SOMETIMES WE GET-- WE MAKE SAUSAGE, AS WE SAY IN  
13 HERE. WE ALSO SEE IT BACK IN D.C. AND AT LEAST IT IS A START  
14 FOR US. AND I'M VERY HAPPY THAT SO MANY PEOPLE CONTACTED MY  
15 OFFICE AND MY STAFF EARLY ON TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THIS  
16 LETTER GOING THROUGH.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MADAME CHAIR, COULD WE HAVE A FRIENDLY  
19 AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE THAT THE POLICY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ALSO  
20 RECEIVE A COPY OF THE LETTER?

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SURE. OKAY, WITHOUT OBJECTION. IT'S  
23 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY KUEHL. WITHOUT  
24 OBJECTION. MOVING ON TO ITEM 22. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND  
2    MYSELF. IT DEALS TO INVIGORATE THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM  
3    FOR OUR FOSTER YOUTH. CURRENTLY WE HAVE 1,800 FOSTER YOUTH,  
4    EMANCIPATED YOUTH, COMING INTO THE FOSTER CARE SYSTEM EACH  
5    YEAR. AND WITHOUT THE CONTINUED SUPPORT AND BENEFITS NECESSARY  
6    TO GET THEM STABILIZED AND ON THEIR FEET, WE GO INTO SOCIETY,  
7    THEY FACE A VERY DIFFICULT, DIFFICULT FUTURE AND THEY ARE  
8    SUBJECT TO BECOMING A STATISTIC, A VITAL STATISTIC. AND WE  
9    WANT THEM TO BECOME FUTURE LEADERS. OUR COUNTY HAS BEEN  
10   WORKING ON A NUMBER OF PROGRAM TO IMPROVE THE OUTCOMES FOR  
11   THESE YOUNG PEOPLE. THE BOARD HAS BUILT UPON OUR OWN  
12   EMANCIPATED YOUTH CAREER DEVELOPMENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM BY  
13   CHALLENGING ALL OF OUR 88 CITIES, OUR GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES  
14   LIKE M.T.A., METROLINK AND OTHERS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO  
15   INITIATE SIMILAR EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMS FOR THE EMANCIPATED YOUTH  
16   COUNTY-WIDE. THEN THE TRANSIT, AS I SAID, AT M.T.A., WE ALL  
17   KNOW BECAUSE WE SERVE ON THAT BODY, ARE PROVIDING BUS PASSES  
18   AND RAIL PASSES SO THAT THE YOUNG PEOPLE WILL HAVE THE ABILITY  
19   TO GET TO SCHOOL TO GET TO A JOB, AND TO HAVE A PLACE TO  
20   TRAVEL WHEN THEY NEED TO. SO IT'S THROUGH THIS MOTION WE ARE  
21   GOING TO CONTINUE TO EXPAND UPON OPPORTUNITIES FOR SELF-  
22   SUFFICIENCY AND HAVE A FOUNDATION SO THAT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE  
23   HAVE THE ABILITY TO COMPLETE THEIR EDUCATION, MAINTAIN STABLE  
24   EMPLOYMENT, FINDING HOUSING AND ESTABLISHING NATIONAL AND



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1 SOCIAL CONNECTIONS TO BECOME PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS IN OUR  
2 COUNTY.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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6 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANKS, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, FOR BRINGING  
7 THIS. I DON'T THINK PEOPLE UNDERSTAND QUITE HOW VULNERABLE  
8 TRANSITION-AGE YOUTH REALLY ARE. BECAUSE AT THIS AGE, YOU  
9 THINK WELL, YOU KNOW, 21 YEARS OLD, THEY OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO  
10 FEND FOR THEMSELVES. I THINK IF WE LOOKED AT OUR OWN FAMILIES  
11 AND OUR NEIGHBORHOODS AND OUR SCHOOLS, WE SEE THERE ARE AN  
12 AWFUL LOT OF 21, 22, 23-YEAR-OLDS REALLY STILL RELYING ON  
13 THEIR PARENTS, THEIR CHOSEN FAMILY, THEIR EXTENDED FAMILY.  
14 IT'S REALLY TOUGH TO MAKE IT ON YOUR OWN. AND FOR FOSTER KIDS,  
15 THE COUNTY IS THEIR FAMILY, ESSENTIALLY. BECAUSE WE CAN'T  
16 REALLY SAY "OH, WELL, YOUR FOSTER PARENTS, THEY STILL TAKE  
17 CARE OF YOU" BECAUSE THEY DON'T. WE DON'T REALLY ASSIGN FOSTER  
18 PARENTS AFTER THESE KIDS ARE OLDER. SO I'M REALLY HAPPY TO SEE  
19 THIS AND ALSO VERY GRATEFUL TO MIKE NASH WHO IS SETTING UP OUR  
20 OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION. OF COURSE, WE CAN SAY MAKE IT SO  
21 AND THEN HE HAS TO KIND OF MAKE IT WORK. BUT HE'S DOING REALLY  
22 WELL BRINGING ALL OF THESE DEPARTMENTS TOGETHER, AND I KNOW  
23 THAT THAT FOCUS IS REALLY GOING TO HELP THESE YOUNG PEOPLE.  
24 THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR?

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3    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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5    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I WANT TO THANK BOTH SUPERVISORS  
6 ANTONOVICH AND KUEHL FOR INTRODUCTION OF THIS MOTION TO  
7 IMPROVE SERVICES FOR TRANSITION AGED YOUTH. I ESPECIALLY WANT  
8 TO HIGHLIGHT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S LEADERSHIP OVER THE PAST  
9 SEVERAL YEARS ON BEHALF OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN THE WELFARE  
10 SYSTEM, INCLUDING THOSE AGING OUT OF THE SYSTEM. THE RECORD  
11 OUGHT TO REFLECT THAT HE'S BEEN A CHAMPION ON THIS MATTER. AND  
12 IT HAS TO BE RECOGNIZED AS SUCH. I THINK IT'S WORTH REPEATING  
13 THAT L.A. COUNTY HAS NEARLY 1/3 OF THE STATE'S TRANSITION-AGED  
14 YOUTH. AND WHILE SERVICES HAVE IMPROVED, THIS MOTION ASSISTS  
15 US TO EVEN BETTER, ESPECIALLY IN TERMS OF MENTAL HEALTH  
16 SERVICES. SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S FLAGGING THE VULNERABILITIES OF  
17 YOUNG PEOPLE CAN'T BE STATED STRONGLY OR REGULARLY ENOUGH. SO  
18 THIS MOTION, I BELIEVE, IS ONE STEP TOWARD IMPROVING  
19 COLLABORATION AND IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BLUE  
20 RIBBON COMMISSION ON CHILD PROTECTION. THIS IS WHAT WE OUGHT  
21 TO BE DOING. I'M PLEASED TO SUPPORT IT. I THANK BOTH  
22 SUPERVISORS ANTONOVICH AND KUEHL FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP IN THIS  
23 MATTER.

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE PUBLIC SPEAKERS. HERMAN  
2    HERMAN AND ARNOLD SACHS.

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4    **HERMAN HERMAN:** BECAUSE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE SUBJECT OF  
5    DISABILITY AND MENTAL HEALTH, I'D LIKE TO ALWAYS GIVE  
6    REMINDERS ABOUT CERTAIN PUBLICATIONS THAT HELP PEOPLE BY  
7    EXPLAINING MATERIALS OR PROCEDURES IN SIMILAR LANGUAGE SO THAT  
8    INDIVIDUALS WITH COGNITIVE, LEARNING OR PSYCHIATRIC  
9    DISABILITIES CAN BE EASILY UNDERSTOOD. ALSO THE - APPOINTMENT  
10   OF A PERSON DOES NOT HAVE TO WAIT IN A LONG LINE IN A CROWDED  
11   NOISY FORUM OR ROOM OR AREA. ALSO ALLOWING A PERSON WITH  
12   PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITY TO APPLY FOR SERVICES OVER THE PHONE  
13   INSTEAD OF COMING INTO AN OFFICE TO BE DEGRADED BY CERTAIN  
14   INDIVIDUALS LIKE MITCH ENGLANDER. IN MY HAND I HAVE, FROM THE  
15   GAVIN NEWSOME, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, REGARDING CONSTITUENT  
16   COMMENT FORM DATED 6/27/2016 WHEN I WAS UP IN THE STATE  
17   CAPITOL, DEFENDING THE RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WITH HOMELESSNESS  
18   ISSUES AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. STOP THE NONSENSE. REALLY  
19   TAKE AN ACTION. APPLY WHAT YOU GIVE US. THE MATERIAL TO SPEAK  
20   AND SHOW YOU THAT YOU'RE VIOLATING TITLE 2 DISCRIMINATION  
21   RIGHTS AND A.D.A. REHAB 1973. STOP IT, STOP IT, STOP IT.

22

23   **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES. THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS.  
24   ESSENTIALLY I BELIEVE THIS IS MORE OR LESS A REPORT BACK.  
25   REPORT BACK IN 90 DAYS. I'M REMINDED OF THE POLICIES THE BOARD



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1 TOOK TO HAVE CENTERS SET UP FOR FOSTER YOUTH WHO WERE FACING  
2 ABUSE. THEY WERE TAKEN OUT OF THE FAMILY LOCATION AND THERE  
3 WOULD BE CENTERS SET UP SO THAT THEY'D HAVE A PLACE TO STAY.  
4 AND THAT SANK QUICKER THAN THE TITANIC. SO WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT  
5 STRATEGIES SUCH AS THIS, I'M VERY CONCERNED BECAUSE I HAVE  
6 SEEN A LACK-- I'VE SEEN A LACK OF ACTION. I DO REMEMBER  
7 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY'S FAMOUS STATEMENT WHEN HE QUOTED JOHN  
8 WOODEN: "DON'T CONFUSE ACTIVITY FOR ACHIEVEMENT." ALL WE'RE  
9 REALLY SEEING IS A LOT OF ACTIVITY. COME BACK WHEN YOU  
10 ACTUALLY ACHIEVE SOMETHING.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE US.  
13 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. SECONDED BY KUEHL. WITHOUT  
14 OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER. WE ARE NOW AT THAT SPECIAL  
15 ITEMS AND ADJOURNMENTS. AND I WILL BE READING IN ADJOURNMENTS  
16 FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE WHO HAD TO LEAVE TO GO TO A FUNERAL. LET  
17 ME BEGIN WITH SUPERVISOR KNABE'S RECOGNITION OF MR. JONA  
18 GOLDRICH. JONA GOLDRICH PASSED AWAY ON SUNDAY, JUNE 26 AT THE  
19 AGE OF 88. HE WAS BORN ON SEPTEMBER 11, 1927 IN LVIV, POLAND.  
20 IN 1942 IN THE MIDST OF WORLD WAR TWO, BOTH HE AND HIS BROTHER  
21 AVRAM WERE SMUGGLED OUT OF NAZI-OCCUPIED POLAND AND SETTLED IN  
22 ISRAEL. HOWEVER HIS PARENTS AND OLDER BROTHER EIZO, AS WELL,  
23 EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS, WERE MURDERED BY THE NAZIS IN THE  
24 CONCENTRATION CAMPS. WHILE IN ISRAEL, HE SERVED IN THE 1948  
25 ARAB-ISRAELI WAR BOTH IN THE ISRAELI NAVY AND AS A MERCHANT





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1 MARINE. IN 1951, JONA IMMIGRATED TO THE UNITED STATES THROUGH  
2 ELLIS ISLAND AND LATER TRAVELED TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA IN  
3 1952. HE CREATED A CONSTRUCTION SITE CLEANUP BUSINESS IN 1954  
4 AND AT THE AGE OF 29 BUILT HIS FIRST APARTMENT BUILDING. SOON  
5 AFTER, JONA MET SOL KEST AND TOGETHER, THEY CREATED THE  
6 COMPANY GOLDRICH AND KEST. THEY WERE ONE OF THE EARLY  
7 PROPONENTS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN CALIFORNIA AND HAVE BUILT  
8 THOUSANDS OF UNITS OVER THE YEARS. JONA WAS ALSO A  
9 PHILANTHROPIST AND FELT VERY STRONGLY IN GIVING BACK TO THE  
10 COMMUNITY, CREATED THE GOLDRICH FAMILY FOUNDATION, WHICH  
11 FURTHERS EFFORTS TO CURE DISEASE, SUPPORTS LOCAL SCHOOLS AND  
12 INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITIES, PROMOTE SOCIAL JUSTICE AND  
13 SUPPORTS HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE AND AWARENESS. HE'S ALSO BEEN A  
14 PILLAR IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY WHERE HE CREATED THE LOS  
15 ANGELES MUSEUM OF HOLOCAUST IN PAN PACIFIC PARK. OVER THE  
16 YEARS, HE'S RECEIVED COUNTLESS AWARDS AND ACCOLADES FROM  
17 COMMUNITY DECORATIONS, AND HE WAS GIVEN AN HONORARY DEGREE  
18 FROM TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY. JONA IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 56  
19 YEARS, DORETTA, HIS BROTHER AVRAM, DAUGHTERS MELINDA AND  
20 ANDREA, AND SON-IN-LAW BARRY AND GRANDCHILDREN GARRETT,  
21 LINDSAY AND DEREK.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO ADD ME TO THAT BECAUSE I HAD THE SAME  
24 ADJOURNMENT.



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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT TODAY WE MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
2    MEMORY OF DAVID SCOTT CORMEY. DAVID SCOTT CORMEY PASSED AWAY  
3    ON JUNE 23, 2016 OF A HORRIBLE HELICOPTER ACCIDENT AT THE AGE  
4    OF 55. DAVID WAS A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND WAS  
5    AN APACHE PILOT FOR MANY YEARS. HE WAS A FANTASTIC FATHER,  
6    HUSBAND AND HONORABLE PATRIOT. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,  
7    CHARLENE MARIE BURKHARDT CORMEY. DAUGHTER BERLIN NICOLE  
8    CORMEY, PARENTS WES AND JOAN CORMEY, AND BROTHERS RANDY AND  
9    SCOTT CORMEY. HE WILL BE DEARLY MISSED. TODAY WE MOVE ALSO IN  
10    ADJOURNMENT IN MEMORY OF JORGE S NCHEZ. JORGE S NCHEZ, BELOVED  
11    UNCLE OF DON KNABE'S STAFF MEMBER ROBERT DUARTE, PASSED AWAY  
12    ON TUESDAY, JUNE 22ND IN HIS LA MIRADA HOME SURROUNDED BY  
13    LOVED ONES. HE WAS 85 YEARS OLD. HE WAS BORN MEXICO AND  
14    IMMIGRATED TO LOS ANGELES IN THE EARLY 1950S. JORGE WORKED IN  
15    AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGIES AND OWNED NUMEROUS PROPERTIES IN  
16    HUNTINGTON PARK AND LA MIRADA. HE WILL FOREVER BE REMEMBERED  
17    FOR HIS WARM SMILE AND LOVE OF HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HE IS  
18    PRECEDED IN DEATH BY SON JORGE, JR. AND GRANDSON NICKY. HE IS  
19    SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE EVA OF 63 YEARS AND THEIR FOUR CHILDREN  
20    AND NUMEROUS GRANDCHILDREN. HE WILL BE MISSED DEARLY BY HIS  
21    WIFE, CHILDREN AND FAMILY AND FRIENDS. AND LAST, TODAY WE ALSO  
22    ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HELEN MANARD. HELEN MANARD, A LONGTIME  
23    RESIDENT OF CERRITOS PASSED AWAY MAY 29TH AT THE AGE OF 85.  
24    SHE SUFFERED FROM MULTIPLE HEALTH ISSUES. SHE IS SURVIVED BY  
25    HER SON AND TWO DAUGHTERS. HELEN WILL BE DEARLY MISSED BY HER



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1 FAMILY AND FRIENDS. I MOVE THAT WE ALSO ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
2 MARGARITA PONCE. MARGARITA PONCE, A LONGTIME AVALON RESIDENT,  
3 PASSED AWAY ON JUNE 1ST. SHE WAS 83 YEARS OLD. SHE WAS BORN IN  
4 AVALON AND GRADUATED FROM AVALON SCHOOLS. SHE WAS A HOMEMAKER  
5 AND RAISED FIVE CHILDREN. SHE LOVED TRAVELING WITH FAMILY AND  
6 DANCING WITH HER HUSBAND TO BIG BANDS AT THE CASINO BALLROOM.  
7 SHE WAS A GREAT COOK AND QUITE A SPORTSWOMAN. SHE WILL BE  
8 MISSED BY HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS. MARGARITA IS SURVIVED BY HER  
9 HUSBAND OF 59 YEARS, ROBERT, FOUR CHILDREN BOBBY, RICHARD,  
10 CATHERINE, JULIAN AND THEIR SPOUSES, 11 GRANDCHILDREN AND  
11 THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN AND 7 SIBLINGS. SUCH WILL BE THE  
12 ORDER. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS? SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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14 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN  
15 WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ROSE PERLMAN HORKIN  
16 WHO DIED ON JUNE 12TH. SHE WAS A RESIDENT OF SHERMAN OAKS FOR  
17 70 YEARS. SHE TAUGHT SCHOOL FOR 29 YEARS AT SHERMAN OAKS  
18 ELEMENTARY WHERE SHE ALSO MENTORED BEGINNING TEACHERS. SHE WAS  
19 A LONGTIME VOLUNTEER AT OLIVE VIEW HOSPITAL GIFT SHOP AND WAS  
20 PART OF A GROUP WHO MADE PICTURE BOOKS FOR CHILDREN ON THE  
21 INFECTIOUS DISEASE WARD. THESE BOOKS ARE DESTROYED AFTER USE  
22 TO PREVENT THE USE OF ANY DISEASE. SHE WAS ACTIVE IN THIS  
23 GROUP UNTIL SHE DIED. A DEDICATED VOLUNTEER, SHE DELIVERED  
24 FOOD FOR MEALS ON WHEELS AND RECEIVED NUMEROUS AWARDS FOR  
25 VOLUNTEERISM, INCLUDING THE PRESIDENTIAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE



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1 MEDAL. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SON, PAUL HORKIN HER DAUGHTER,  
2 DEBBY DU VAL. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN  
3 IN MEMORY OF ANN MORGAN GUILBERT WHO DIED ON JUNE 14TH. WHO  
4 WAS BEST KNOWN FOR HER BELOVED ROLE AS THE NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR  
5 MILLIE HELPER ON "THE DICK VAN DYKE SHOW." SHE ALSO HAD A  
6 NOTABLE ROLE AS GRANDMA YETTA IN THE 1990 SITCOM "THE NANNY."  
7 SHE'S SURVIVED BY TWO DAUGHTERS NORA ECKSTEIN AND ACTRESS  
8 HALLIE TODD. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN  
9 IN MEMORY OF JANET WALDO WHO DIED ON JUNE 12TH. IN 1962 SHE  
10 LANDED HER ICONIC ANIMATION ROLL AS JUDY JETSON, THE TEENAGE  
11 DAUGHTER ON "THE JETSONS." SHE WENT ON TO VOICE MANY OTHER  
12 CARTOONS, INCLUDING JOSIE ON "JOSIE AND THE PUSSY CATS" AND  
13 FRED FLINTSTONE'S MOTHER-IN-LAW ON "THE FLINTSTONES." HER LONG  
14 AND SUCCESSFUL VOICE CAREER MADE HER A POPULAR STAR AMONG FANS  
15 OF ANIMATION, AND SHE FREQUENTLY APPEARED IN COMICON  
16 INTERNATIONAL. SHE'S SURVIVED BY SISTER AND HER CHILDREN  
17 JONATHAN AND LUCY LEE. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY  
18 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RAYMOND MICHAUD WHO DIED ON JUNE 18TH.  
19 FOR 35 YEARS HE WAS THE BELOVED HEADMASTER OF THE JOHN THOMAS  
20 DYE SCHOOL IN BEL AIR. IN 2010 HE WAS HONORED AT A CELEBRATION  
21 ON THE FIELD OF DODGER STADIUM WHICH WAS ATTENDED BY OVER  
22 1,000 PEOPLE. HE ALSO SPEARHEADED THE CREATION OF THE  
23 INDEPENDENT SCHOOL ALLIANCE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS IN ORDER TO  
24 PROVIDE COMMUNITIES OF COLOR ACCESS TO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL  
25 EDUCATION. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SIBLINGS, PETER, SUSANNE,



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1 NANCY, STEVE AND JANET AND HIS SONS MICHAEL AND BRADLEY. AND,  
2 MADAME CHAIR, I HOPE THAT I MAY TAKE THIS RATHER SPECIAL TIME  
3 BECAUSE THIS WOMAN WAS NOT REALLY A CONSTITUENT BUT SHE  
4 TOUCHED A LOT OF LIVES. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE  
5 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF PAT SUMMIT, PIONEERING WOMEN'S COLLEGE  
6 BASKETBALL COACH AND MENTORED THOUSANDS OF YOUNG WOMEN WHO  
7 PASSED AWAY THIS MORNING AFTER A LONG BATTLE WITH ONSET OF  
8 DEMENTIA. SHE TOOK THE REINS AS HEAD COACH OF THE TENNESSEE  
9 LADY VOLS AT THE AGE OF 22. SHE WAS PAID \$250 A MONTH. AND  
10 AMONG HER RESPONSIBILITIES WAS INCLUDED WASHING THE TEAM'S  
11 UNIFORMS. BEFORE THE AGE OF 30, SHE TOOK THE LADY VOLS TO THE  
12 FIRST-EVER WOMEN'S FINAL FOUR. FIVE YEARS LATER, SHE WON HER  
13 FIRST NATIONAL TITLE. IN 1988, SHE COACHED PERHAPS THE  
14 GREATEST SEASON IN COLLEGE BASKETBALL HISTORY, GUIDING HER  
15 TEAM TO A 39-0 RECORD AND ANOTHER NATIONAL TITLE OF WHICH SHE  
16 WOULD WIN 8 DURING HER REMARKABLE CAREER. IN HER 38 YEARS AS  
17 HEAD COACH, SUMMIT LEAD THE LADY VOLS TO 1,098 VICTORIES, THE  
18 MOST IN DIVISION I COLLEGE BASKETBALL HISTORY BY MEN OR WOMEN.  
19 SHE WON TWO GOLD MEDALS, ONE AS A PLAYER AND ANOTHER AS A  
20 COACH, HERE IN L.A. IN 1984. AND IN 2000, SHE WAS INDUCTED  
21 INTO THE BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME. PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANT,  
22 EVERY ONE OF HER PLAYERS WHO COMPLETED THEIR ELIGIBILITY WENT  
23 ON TO EARN THEIR DEGREES. IN 2009, THE SPORTING NEWS PLACED  
24 HER AT NO. 11 ON ITS LIST OF THE 50 GREATEST COACHES OF ALL



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1 TIME IN ANY SPORT. AND SHE WAS THE ONLY WOMAN ON THE LIST.

2 THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION. THAT WAS GREAT.

5 STARTED, WHAT? \$250 A MONTH. THAT WAS GREAT. SUPERVISOR

6 ANTONOVICH?

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE OF THE GREAT ANNOUNCERS, TOM KELLY, WHO  
9 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 88 WHO WAS GOING TO BE 89 I BELIEVE  
10 ON THE 27TH AND HE PASSED AWAY TWO DAYS BEFORE REACHING THAT  
11 89TH BIRTHDAY. BUT HE WAS ONE OF THE VOICES I THINK MANY OF US  
12 GREW UP WITH. HE HAD BEEN THE ANNOUNCER FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF  
13 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA'S BASKETBALL AND FOOTBALL TEAM FOR THE  
14 PAST OVER 50 YEARS AT K.N.X. RADIO AND HE CALLED FIVE OF THE  
15 U.S.C. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FOOTBALL GAMES, WORKING AS A  
16 SPORTS CASTER ON K.C.B.S. CHANNEL 2 AND K.T.T.V. CHANNEL 11.  
17 HAVING WON FIVE GOLDEN MIKE AWARDS IN THE CALIFORNIA  
18 SPORTSCASTER OF THE YEAR BY A.P. AND U.P.I. INDUCTED INTO THE  
19 U.S.C. ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME AND THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA  
20 SPORTS BROADCASTERS HALL OF FAME AND HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE  
21 AND FOUR CHILDREN. BUT HE AND CHICK HEARN AND VIN SCULLY ARE  
22 THREE OF THE GREAT ANNOUNCERS THAT OUR REGION HAVE BEEN  
23 BLESSED WITH WITH THREE HONORABLE ROLE MODELS, INDIVIDUALS OF  
24 INTEGRITY, GOD BLESS HIM. ALSO, ELIZABETH HINES MARTIN WHO  
25 RESIDED IN PASADENA PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 97. GRADUATE OF





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1 UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, SHE WAS ACTIVE VOLUNTEER AT THE  
2 PASADENA SYMPHONY, THE PASADENA ART MUSEUM AND THE HUNTINGTON  
3 LIBRARY. SHE WAS A MEMBER OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUE OF PASADENA,  
4 THE PRO AMERICA, THE SAN MARINO WOMEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB. HER  
5 HUSBAND WAS ONE OF THE ARCHITECTS FOR THOMAS AQUINAS COLLEGE.  
6 HER FATHER-IN-LAW WAS THE ONE WHO DESIGNED THE LOS ANGELES  
7 CITY HALL BUILDING. THE MARTIN FAMILY HAVE DONE SO MUCH AND  
8 THEY WERE THE ONES INVOLVED WITH THE RESTORATION OF THE  
9 JUSTICE CENTER THAT WE HAVE TODAY. SO SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER  
10 FIVE CHILDREN. SHE WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN HER CHURCH AND HER  
11 COMMUNITY. CONSTANCE KOFAHL OF PASADENA PASSED AWAY 91.  
12 STANFORD UNIVERSITY GRAD AND ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE ALUMNI  
13 ASSOCIATION, CAL TECH ASSOCIATES AND A DOCENT AT THE  
14 HUNTINGTON ART GALLERY. ALSO ACTIVE AT OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN  
15 CHURCH IN ARCADIA. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SISTER MARSHA AND HER  
16 CHILDREN DAVID, MARDI AND VICTOR. MARY BEAUDRY PASSED AWAY AT  
17 THE AGE OF 81. GRADUATE OF U.C.L.A. AND LOYOLA LAW SCHOOL. SHE  
18 HAD BECOME A DEPUTY COUNTY COUNSEL AT THE CHILDREN'S COURT.  
19 SHE WAS A MEMBER AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE OF  
20 PROFESSIONAL WOMEN AND ENCORE AND SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER  
21 HUSBAND DON. PATRICIA MARY BARTOLI, RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE  
22 VALLEY, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 81. RICHARD LITTLE, LONGTIME  
23 RESIDENT OF LANCASTER, SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DURING  
24 THE VIETNAM WAR AS A HELICOPTER GUNNER AND CREW CHIEF. HE  
25 WORKED FOR LOCKHEED MARTIN FOR OVER 30 YEARS. AND ALSO HAD A





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1 CAREER AT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY BANK. VOLUNTEER WITH THE  
2 ANTELOPE VALLEY FAIR. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 37 YEARS AND  
3 THEIR TWO CHILDREN. ARTHUR JOHNSON PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF  
4 83. ANOTHER VETERAN OF THE KOREAN WAR. HE WAS THE OWNER OF  
5 JOHNSON'S MARKET IN PALMDALE. SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND THREE  
6 CHILDREN. TULLIO TED DINUZIO. THIS WAS AN INTERESTING  
7 GENTLEMAN. HE TOOK A JOB 15 YEARS AGO AT NORDSTROM AS A  
8 GREETER. 15 YEARS AGO. HE JUST DIED AT 102. HE WAS 102 AND HE  
9 WAS THE GENTLEMAN THAT WORKED FOR THE M.T.A. WHO RETIRED AT  
10 100 OR 101. BUT HE FOUND QUALITY OF LIFE AND WAS A GREETER  
11 THERE. THE ONLY GREETER THAT NORDSTROM'S EVER HAD THERE. AND  
12 HE WORKED FOR MORE THAN 15 YEARS AT THEIR ARCADIA. DEBRA  
13 PIGOTT, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF ANTELOPE VALLEY. WIFE OF RETIRED  
14 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S CAPTAIN, THOMAS PIGOTT, OF THE  
15 LANCASTER STATION SURVIVED BY HUSBAND AND DAUGHTER. [VESTA]  
16 MILDRED DRANE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93 JUNE 22ND. HER  
17 HUSBAND SERVED AS ONE OF OUR COMMISSIONERS ON THE PROBATION  
18 COMMISSION. SHE AND HER HUSBAND CLARK WERE QUITE ACTIVE IN THE  
19 SUNLAND- TUJUNGA AREA AND SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. WALTER EDWARD  
20 HUDSON PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE 76. HE WAS THE BUSINESS OWNER OF  
21 REAGAN'S HALLMARK STORE AND AVON'S FURNITURE STORE.  
22 VOLUNTEERED AT THE LANCASTER PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, FREE TAX  
23 PREPARER AND MEMBER OF THE MASONIC LODGE. LARRY FAGAN PASSED  
24 AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80, JOINED THE MARINE CORPS AT THE AGE OF  
25 17. SERVED IN KOREA. DISCHARGED AS A SERGEANT. HAD A CAREER



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1 WITH U.P.S. FOR 35 YEARS. ROBERT MEFFERD, RETIRED LOS ANGELES  
2 COUNTY SHERIFF'S SERGEANT. HEAD OF THE-- RETIRED FROM THE  
3 HOMICIDE BUREAU. SARA HANLON. SHE WAS A FORMER PUBLICATIONS  
4 COORDINATOR OF MANAGEMENT INFORMATION FOR THE LOS ANGELES  
5 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. MARIELLEN MUSTANTE, PASSED AWAY  
6 AT THE AGE OF 85. GRADUATE OF IMMACULATE HEART SCHOOL,  
7 IMMACULATE HEART COLLEGE AND WAS A STEWARDESS WITH T.W.A.  
8 SURVIVED BY HER SONS PAUL AND TOM. CHESTER WEICHE OF GLENDALE,  
9 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 97. HE WAS A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL  
10 GUARD AND U.S. ARMY AS TECHNICIAN DURING WORLD WAR II. WAS  
11 CONSTRUCTION SUPERINTENDENT IN POZZO CONSTRUCTION. AND SERVED  
12 ON SEVERAL HOSPITALS, INCLUDING BUILDING ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL  
13 IN SANTA MONICA. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTERS.  
14 GWEN HILLER PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93. SHE WORKED AS A  
15 SOCIAL WORKER AND LIBRARIAN. VOLUNTEERED WITH CEDARS-SINAI,  
16 JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES, OPERATION CHILDREN AND THE P.T.A.  
17 SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND ARTHUR, A GOOD FRIEND. AND HER TWO  
18 CHILDREN. SO THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS, MADAME CHAIR.

19  
20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN FOR NEXT WEEK, I WANT TO INTRODUCE  
23 TWO MOTIONS, ONE THAT WE DIRECT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL  
24 PLANNING TO INITIATE AN AMENDMENT TO THE ACTON COMMUNITY  
25 STANDARDS DISTRICT, PRECLUDING DRIVE-THRU FACILITIES WITHIN



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1 THEIR COMMUNITY AS A C.S.D. AND ALSO ANOTHER ONE MOVING THAT  
2 THE BOARD SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL 385 BY ASSEMBLYMAN KANSEN CHU  
3 WHICH WOULD REPEAL THE DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. AND THEN I WOULD  
4 LIKE TO ASK BRIAN IN CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND SACHI. OH, MARY  
5 WICKHAM, OUR COUNTY COUNSEL. WE HAD RECEIVED MORE  
6 COMMUNICATION THIS PAST WEEK ABOUT PEOPLE WHO HAD NOT YET BEEN  
7 CONTACTED BY SOUTHERN CAL GAS OR WHO HAD THEIR CLEANING OF  
8 THEIR HOME UNSATISFACTORILY DONE. THE QUESTION IS: WHAT ARE  
9 THE ACTIONS ON THOSE PEOPLE AND OTHER ACTIONS?

10

11 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** YES, SUPERVISOR, I THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
12 QUESTION. SO THERE'S A WHOLE TEAM WORKING ON ADDRESSING THESE  
13 COMPLAINTS. AND THE TEAM MEMBERS INCLUDE BRIAN STIGER, A  
14 REPRESENTATIVE FROM ONE OF THE PLAINTIFFS' COUNSEL'S LAW  
15 FIRMS, AND THEN THEY'RE WORKING WITH SO CAL GAS TO RESOLVE  
16 MOST OF THESE COMPLAINTS. THE GOOD NEWS AGAIN IS 62 OF THE  
17 COMPLAINTS RECEIVED, 66 PERCENT OF THOSE COMPLAINTS, HAVE BEEN  
18 RESOLVED OR ARE MOSTLY RESOLVED. AND THE REMAINING, THE  
19 OUTSTANDING NUMBER ARE STILL BEING WORKED ON BY BRIAN WITH  
20 PLAINTIFFS COUNSEL AND THROUGH SO CAL GAS. AND LAST WEEK, JUNE  
21 21, JUDGE WILEY MADE HIMSELF AVAILABLE AS A FORUM IN WHICH  
22 THOSE MATTERS CAN BE PRESENTED THAT AT THE END OF THE DAY  
23 REMAIN UNRESOLVED. SO WE'RE STILL WORKING THROUGH THE ISSUES.  
24 AND FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHOSE COMPLAINTS CAN'T BE RESOLVED



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1 THROUGH A NEGOTIATION WITH SO CAL GAS, WE'LL BE BRINGING THEM  
2 TO THE JUDGE'S ATTENTION. BRIAN, YOU MAY WANT TO ADD IN.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NINE MONTHS LATER, WE STILL HAVE A THIRD OF  
5 THE PEOPLE NOT RECEIVING REIMBURSEMENTS OR HAVING PROBLEMS?

6

7 **BRIAN STIGER:** YES, SUPERVISOR. BRIAN STIGER DEPARTMENT OF  
8 CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS. WE ARE STILL WORKING THROUGH  
9 THOSE ISSUES SINCE WE NOW HAVE THE LIAISON THAT THE COURT  
10 APPOINTED, THIS WORK HAS GONE A LOT SMOOTHER FOR US. WE HAVE  
11 PEOPLE AT THE DEPARTMENT THAT ARE FOCUSED ON RESPONDING TO  
12 THESE COMPLAINTS. IT IS TAKING SOME TIME. BUT I WOULD SAY THAT  
13 OVER THE PAST SIX WEEKS OR SO, WE'VE SEEN A MUCH MORE  
14 EFFECTIVE PROCESS AND WE'RE MOVING THROUGH THOSE AS QUICKLY AS  
15 WE CAN.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS THE PROCESS THAT THE CREDIT AGENCIES  
18 WILL BE NOTIFIED THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS' CREDIT SHOULD NOT BE  
19 LOWERED BECAUSE OF THE FAILURES OF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS  
20 TO REIMBURSE THEM FOR THEIR HOUSING AND LODGING THAT THEY WERE  
21 REQUIRED TO DO. AGAIN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT NINE MONTHS LATER  
22 THERE'S BEEN A PROBLEM AND SOMEHOW THESE INDIVIDUALS NEED TO  
23 BE HELD-- NOT HELD HOSTAGE BY A BAD CREDIT RATING BECAUSE NO  
24 FAULT OF THEIR OWN, THE GAS COMPANY FAILED TO REIMBURSE THEM  
25 AFTER THAT HE MAXED OUT ON THEIR CREDIT CARDS.



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2 **BRIAN STIGER:** THAT'S CERTAINLY AN OPTION THAT WE CAN CONSIDER  
3 WORKING WITH THE CREDIT AGENCIES. I THINK IT WILL BE A GOOD  
4 CHALLENGE FOR US, BUT IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE CAN EXPLORE.

5

6 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** AND IF I CAN WEIGH IN, ALSO, SUPERVISOR,  
7 MANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE NOW REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL. AND  
8 THE COUNSEL IS GOING INCLUDE THINGS LIKE THAT AS PART OF THEIR  
9 PRAYER FOR RELIEF IF LITIGATION RESULTS OUT OF THIS. SO THEIR  
10 LAWYERS ARE NOW FACTORING IN THE BEST WAY TO ADDRESS SOME OF  
11 THOSE ISSUES.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE PROBLEM, WHEN THEY GET THOSE RESOLVED,  
14 THAT COULD BE ANOTHER YEAR OR TWO, AND INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE  
15 SEEKING EMPLOYMENT NOW ARE HAVING THEIR EMPLOYMENT JEOPARDIZED  
16 BY HAVING A BAD CREDIT RATING AND NEVER GETTING PAST THE  
17 APPLICATION PROCESS. THAT'S MY CONCERN.

18

19 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** AND THEIR COUNSEL COULD WRITE LETTERS AS  
20 NECESSARY TO, YOU KNOW, TO THE CREDIT AGENCIES TO EXPLAIN AWAY  
21 OR HIGHLIGHT THE RATIONALE OR THE REASONING AS TO WHY THEIR  
22 CREDIT WAS IMPACTED.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IF THE INDIVIDUAL DOES NOT HAVE A LAWYER,  
25 THEY HAVE TO GO GET A LAWYER TO DEFEND THEM?



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2 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** OR WE CAN, YOU KNOW, THOSE INDIVIDUALS  
3 THAT ARE NOT REPRESENTED, BRIAN, COUNTY COUNSEL WILL BE  
4 WORKING CLOSELY WITH THEM.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE SHOULD COMMUNICATE WITH THEM SO THEY KNOW  
7 THEY'RE NOT LEFT OUT ON AN ISLAND BY THEMSELVES.

8

9 **BRIAN STIGER:** SUPERVISOR, WE ARE BEING AS RESPONSIVE AS WE  
10 POSSIBLY CAN.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IF MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE  
15 WANT TO SPEAK ON THE ITEM, THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY, YOU CAN  
16 SIGN UP. WE'RE AT THAT PORTION OF THE AGENDA, WHERE WE'RE NOW  
17 TAKING UP PUBLIC COMMENT. SO I'D LIKE TO ASK MR. RICHARD  
18 RODRIGUEZ TO COME FORWARD AND MONICA CUELLAR. YES, SIR.  
19 INTRODUCE YOURSELF AGAIN.

20

21 **RICHARD RODRIGUEZ:** YES, MY NAME IS RICHARD RODRIGUEZ. I DEFER  
22 MY TIME TO MISS CUELLAR.

23

24 **MONICA CUELLAR:** MY NAME IS MONICA CUELLAR. I'M 17 YEARS OLD. I  
25 MET MR. RODRIGUEZ AT A CAR SHOW IN SAN PEDRO. THE COUNTY'S



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1 TRYING TO FORCE HIM TO RETIRE. AND I JUST DON'T THINK THAT'S  
2 RIGHT JUST BECAUSE HE REFERRED A PROBATIONER TO A CAR SHOW.  
3 HE'S REFERRED ME, AS WELL. [GAVEL.]

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** COULD WE HAVE SOME ORDER, PLEASE?  
6 ESTABLISH SOME ORDER, PLEASE. WHY DON'T YOU SIT DOWN. YOU'LL  
7 HAVE A CHANCE TO SPEAK.

8

9 **MONICA CUELLAR:** HE REFERRED ME AS WELL TO THE CAR SHOW AND  
10 HE'S GETTING RESIGNED BECAUSE THEY THINK THAT HE'S DOING  
11 PORNOGRAPHIC PHOTO SHOTS. BUT I HAVE A PICTURE RIGHT HERE  
12 THAT SHOWS THAT HE'S NOT. AND I'M JUST HERE TO SAY THAT IF YOU  
13 FIRE HIM, IT'S LIKE A REALLY BIG MISTAKE BECAUSE HE'S NOT EVEN  
14 MY PROBATION OFFICER. MY ASSIGNED PROBATION OFFICER. BUT HE'S  
15 REALLY HELPED ME WAY MORE THAN ANY OTHER OF MY THREE PROBATION  
16 OFFICERS. IF IT WASN'T FOR HIM, I'D PROBABLY BE OUT ON THE  
17 STREET, PROBABLY HAVE DONE SOME TYPE OF DRUG. BUT HE GAVE ME  
18 MYSELF ESTEEM BACK. AND HE LET ME DO WHAT I REALLY WANTED TO  
19 DO. AND I DON'T THINK HE SHOULD LOSE HIS JOB FOR IT. I THINK  
20 THAT SOMEBODY NEEDS TO HEAR HIM OUT. YEAH. THAT'S IT. THANK  
21 YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I WOULD RECOMMEND THAT MR.  
24 RODRIGUEZ CAN MEET WITH OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICE. WE JUST NEED TO  
25 GET THAT INFORMATION AND BE HAPPY TO REFER THAT INFORMATION TO





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1 THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND CIVIL SERVICE  
2 COMMISSION. SO THERE WILL BE STAFF HERE YOU CAN SPEAK TO.  
3 OKAY. MOVING ON. WE HAVE OTHER SPEAKERS. PUBLIC COMMENT?  
4 VIRGIL GRANT? DONNIE ANDERSON. JOSE MARTINEZ. ARNOLD SACHS.  
5 ERIC TALLMAN. ERIC PREVEN.

6

7 **ERIC PREVEN:** YES, IT IS ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT.  
8 MARY WICKHAM, COUNTY COUNSEL, CHAIRMAN SOLIS, I WOULD  
9 RECOMMEND A BROWN ACT TRAINING, BECAUSE YOU HAVE VEERED OFF  
10 TRACK IN A BIG WAY, OKAY? WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL LIKE MAYOR  
11 ANTONOVICH BRINGS SOMETHING UP AND SAYS HEY, I HAVE A QUESTION  
12 ABOUT AN ITEM THAT'S NOT ON THE AGENDA, WHAT HAPPENS IS YOU  
13 HAVE TO TAKE THE CARDS. WE'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS BEFORE. ITEM  
14 25 TODAY, THE C.E.O., DO NOT INTERRUPT, SHE CAN SPEAK LATER,  
15 THE C.E.O. IS APPROVING AN ITEM THAT IS--

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I HAVE A QUESTION FOR COUNSEL.

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** DO NOT INTERRUPT. UNBELIEVABLE.

20

21 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, YOU DO NOT CONTROL THESE  
22 PROCEEDINGS. THE CHAIR DOES. MADAME CHAIR, DO YOU HAVE A  
23 QUESTION FOR COUNTY COUNSEL?

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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** COULD YOU CLARIFY WHAT HIS QUESTION  
2   WAS?

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4   **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S QUESTION  
5   RELATED TO C.S.-1. C.S.-1 WAS CALLED UP EARLIER TODAY AS ITEMS  
6   THAT YOU WERE GIVEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON. YOU, IN FACT,  
7   SIR, DISCUSSED C.S.-3, THE RUTHERFORD MATTER, FROM LAST WEEK  
8   WHEN YOU WERE UP HERE EARLIER TODAY DISCUSSING THE MATTERS  
9   THAT YOU HELD TO SPEAK ON. SO YOU'RE OUT OF LINE AND YOU'RE  
10   INCORRECT IN YOUR ASSERTIONS THAT THIS BODY IS NOT IN  
11   COMPLIANCE WITH THE BROWN ACT. THAT'S JUST NOT ACCURATE. WE  
12   ARE.

13

14   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE CAN START THE CLOCK NOW.

15

16   **ERIC PREVEN:** SHE NEEDS TO PUT THE TIME BACK ON THE CLOCK.  
17   THAT'S ANOTHER VIOLATION. UNBELIEVABLE. RESTART THE CLOCK,  
18   MA'AM.

19

20   **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, WE STOPPED THE CLOCK. I  
21   INTERCEDED, INTERVENED, GAVE MY COMMENTS AND NOW THE CLOCK  
22   WILL RESUME. WE WILL NOT RESTORE YOUR TIME NOW. TIME IS NOW  
23   RUNNING.

24



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1   **ERIC PREVEN:** IT IS NOT PROPER TO ASK COUNTY COUNSEL FOR  
2   INFORMATION DURING MY TIME OBVIOUSLY.

3

4   **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** THE CHAIR HAS THE DISCRETION TO DO WHAT  
5   THE CHAIR WANTS, SIR. YOUR TIME WAS STOPPED AND NOW IT'S  
6   RESUMING.

7

8   **ERIC PREVEN:** PLEASE RESTORE MY TIME. ITEM 25 IS THE C.E.O.  
9   EXTENDING A CONTRACT WITH GLAZER WEIL, WHICH USED TO BE MUNGER  
10  TOLLES FOR THE WORK OF RICHARD VOLPERT WHO IS A GUY WHO'S NOT  
11  GETTING ANY MORE MONEY BUT THEY'RE EXTENDING THE TERM. THAT'S  
12  A PROBLEM. THE BOARD SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THAT FOR VARIOUS  
13  REASONS. I CAN'T TALK ABOUT IT NOW. I WANTED TO. I SIGNED UP  
14  TIMELY. ITEM 29 IS A PARKS AND REC IS EXTENDING CONSULTING AND  
15  MAKING NEW DEALS WITH CONSULTANTS, BUT IT'S REALLY  
16  PROBLEMATIC, BECAUSE A, THERE ARE SMALL BUSINESS ASSERTIONS  
17  THAT ARE NOT TRUE. GREW AND ASSOCIATES IS CERTAINLY NOT A  
18  SMALL BUSINESS. SAPPHOS ENVIRONMENTAL IS CERTAINLY NOT A SMALL  
19  BUSINESS, AND THEY CLAIM THAT THEY ARE. AND WORSE THEY HAVE  
20  INCREASED THE PARKS AND REC AUTHORIZATION UP TO \$5 MILLION PER  
21  DEAL INSTEAD OF \$1 MILLION. THEY'VE ADDED A BUNCH OF FIRMS,  
22  MANY OF WHOM ARE NEVER GOING TO GET A NICKEL OF THIS MONEY.  
23  THIS IS THE MASTER, IF I MAY, PANEL PROGRAM THAT WE'VE HAD  
24  PROBLEMS WITH AT BEACHES AND HARBORS AND OTHER. AND FINALLY I  
25  HAVE TO SAY CHANGING THE GENERAL PLAN, MAYOR ANTONOVICH AT HIS



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1 ITEM NO. 3 IS GOING TO RESULT IN A LAWSUIT, OBVIOUSLY. I DON'T  
2 KNOW WHY HE CAN DO IT FOR ONE AND NOT ANOTHER. IT'S  
3 UNBELIEVABLE. YOU GUYS HAVE LOST YOUR MINDS.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ITEM NO. 29 WAS CONTINUED FOR ONE  
6 WEEK FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE, FOR YOUR CLARIFICATION. NEXT  
7 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON AND TO CLARIFY  
10 FOR COUNTY COUNSEL, C.S.-1 MENTIONS NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION  
11 ITEMS. WHEN YOU HAVE THE DISCUSSIONS HERE, THAT'S NOT A CLOSED  
12 SESSION ITEM. WHEN YOU DISCUSS, AS YOU HAVE A-1 CONDITION I,  
13 RESULTING IN A DISPLACEMENT OF RESIDENTS FROM THEIR HOME,  
14 HEALTH RELATED ISSUES FOR RESIDENTS AND AIR QUALITY ISSUES AND  
15 WHEN YOU PRESENT COUNTY EMPLOYEES ON THIS SIDE TO MAKE A  
16 PRESENTATION, THAT IS NOT A CLOSED SESSION ITEM. THAT IS OPEN  
17 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. JUST LIKE IT WAS LAST WEEK WHEN SUPERVISOR  
18 SOLIS HAD AN EMERGENCY SESSION ITEM. THAT IS OPEN. IT WAS NOT  
19 LISTED ON THE AGENDA AND THAT SHOULD BE OPEN FOR PUBLIC  
20 COMMENT. NOW, I UNDERSTAND WHEN YOU SAY SHE CAN ACT WITH  
21 WHATEVER DISCRETION SHE HAS. THAT COULD BE ANYTHING. SO LET'S  
22 TALK ABOUT DISCRETION HERE FOR A SECOND. CONGRATULATIONS ON  
23 METRO FOR PASSING THE ORDINANCE FOR THE NEW MEASURE R-2,  
24 WANTING TO PUT THE NEW SALES TAX ON. ACCORDING TO THE  
25 NEWSPAPER STORY, IT SAYS THAT MEASURE R-2 WILL GENERATE \$860



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1 MILLION A YEAR FOR METRO. NOW, ACCORDING TO THIS STORY, IT  
2 STATES THAT THIS AUDIT STORY THAT I BROUGHT FORWARD, THAT'S  
3 PROP C, \$858 MILLION. NOW, WE HAD A SALES TAX THAT WAS BEFORE  
4 THE BOARD FOR HOMELESSNESS THAT SAID IT WOULD MEASURE RAISED  
5 \$740 MILLION. WHICH IS PROPOSITION A. NOW, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO  
6 DO AN AUDIT. THERE'S AN AUDIT CALLED FOR HERE. THE AUDIT IS  
7 SUPPOSED TO FIND OUT IF THERE'S ANY DISCREPANCY IN FUNDING. IT  
8 SAYS RIGHT HERE PROP A, IS \$746 MILLION AND PROP C, IS \$858  
9 MILLION. THAT'S \$116 MILLION. THAT'S A DISCREPANCY. BUT YOU  
10 HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO DO WHATEVER THE HELL YOU FEEL LIKE DOING  
11 AND YOU DO. SO WHERE ARE WE? WE'RE AT MEASURE R, WHICH IS \$1.3  
12 BILLION. SO TAKE YOUR BROWN ACT AND YOU KNOW WHERE TO--

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, SIR. YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

15

16 **ERIC TALLMAN:** HI, IS THIS ON? MY NAME IS ERIC TALLMAN I'M HERE  
17 TODAY AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GLASSELL PARK IMPROVEMENT  
18 ASSOCIATION WHICH I AM VICE PRESIDENT, AND NILA GREEN SPACE,  
19 AN ORGANIZATION IN GLASSELL PARK OF WHICH I AM A MEMBER. ABOUT  
20 THREE MILES NORTH OF HERE THERE'S A LARGE UNDEVELOPED OPEN  
21 SPACE CALLED-- IN GLASSELL PARK, IN SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1  
22 CALLED WALNUT CANYON. IT CONSISTS OF APPROXIMATELY 32 ACRES OF  
23 GRASSLAND, WALNUT TREES AND PLANTS AND TREES. IT'S A HABITAT  
24 FOR A VARIETY OF WILDLIFE. IT'S USED BY HIKERS, DOG WATCHERS,  
25 NATURE LOVERS, ENTHUSIAST, KIDS AND ADULTS OF ALL AGES AND



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1 BACKGROUNDS, EXPERIENCE THE DIVERSITY OF NATURE AND THIS  
2 CANYON. UNFORTUNATELY WE ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING IT TO MAJOR  
3 DEVELOPMENT, A PROJECT CALLED ABODE AT GLASSELL PARK IS  
4 APPLYING TO BUILD 32 SINGLE HOMES ON FOUR ACRES OF LAND IN THE  
5 CANYON AND A SECOND PROPERTY HAS GONE ON SALE, IT'S FIVE ACRES  
6 IT'S AT 2251 LOVELAND. IF THESE TWO PIECES ARE DEVELOPED, IT  
7 WOULD SIGNAL THE IRREVERSIBLE DECLINE OF THE CANYON. THE  
8 COMPLETION OF THE ABODE PROJECT WOULD LEAD TO MORE DEVELOPMENT  
9 AND THE DESTRUCTION OF ONE OF THE LAST REMAINING OPEN SPACES  
10 IN NORTHEAST L.A. SORRY, I'M A LITTLE OFF TRACK HERE. WE'VE  
11 HAD IN-DEPTH CONVERSATIONS RECENTLY WITH THE SANTA MONICA  
12 MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY, PARTICULARLY JOE EDMISTON AND KEVIN DE  
13 LEON AND JIMMY GOMEZ, ASSEMBLY MEMBER. WE RESPECT AND  
14 APPRECIATE THE BOARD'S SUCCESS AT BRINGING PARKS TO  
15 NEIGHBORHOODS THAT NEED THEM MOST. PROP A MONEY HAS FUNDED THE  
16 GREEN SPACES THAT HAVE PROVEN TIME AND TIME AGAIN TO BENEFIT  
17 THE PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH OF URBAN RESIDENTS. WE  
18 SINCERELY HOPE THAT YOU CAN DEDICATE PART OF YOUR VALUABLE  
19 TIME TO HELP FUND THE PURCHASE AND PRESERVATION OF THESE TWO  
20 PIECES OF PROPERTY THAT ARE SCHEDULED TO DEVELOPMENT IN WALNUT  
21 CANYON. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD ASK YOU TO SPEAK TO MY STAFF?

24

25 **ERIC TALLMAN:** OH CERTAINLY?



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MY CHIEF OF STAFF, MY DEPUTY CHIEF OF  
3 STAFF. OKAY. WE HAVE DARRELL KRUSE? AUGUSTINE ISHWALD, OSCAR  
4 MOHAMMAD. CAROLINE SIM. GO AHEAD, MR. MOHAMMAD.

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6 **OSCAR MOHAMMAD:** YES, WE AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSLIMS, WE LIVE  
7 UNDER SEVERE CIRCUMSTANCES. WORSE THAN ANY INTERNATIONAL  
8 MUSLIMS LIVE UNDER THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES. SOMETIMES WE LOOK AT  
9 THE WORLD OPPRESSORS, THEY DO NOT WANT THE AMERICAN MUSLIMS TO  
10 COME TOGETHER IN UNITY. BUT WE SHOULD ASK OUR GOVERNMENT THAT  
11 GOES ACROSS THE WORLD SPREADING DEMOCRACY. WE SHOULD ASK OUR  
12 GOVERNMENT TO SOUND THE SAME HORN OF COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY  
13 AND JUSTICE TO SOUND IT IN THE EARS OF THE OPPRESSED INFIDELS,  
14 TO SOUND IT IN THE EARS OF THE OPPRESSED ISRAELI REGIME. WE  
15 SHOULD END SKID ROW. THE DOWNTOWN SKID ROW IS THE MOST IMMORAL  
16 SITE THAT AFRICAN-AMERICAN LIVES IN IN AMERICA. WE SHOULD ASK  
17 AMERICA TO GIVE THEM ONE TICKET AND A LUNCH BAG AND SEND THEM  
18 BACK WHERE THEY COME FROM. THAT'S THE MOST IMMORAL CONDITIONS  
19 THAT A HUMAN BEING CAN LIVE, INHUMANE AND YOU SEE MANY PEOPLE  
20 NEEDING AID DOWN THERE AND NO ONE COMES TO THEIR AID. WE CAN  
21 LOOK AT POLICEMEN HOW THEY HAVE NO ACCOUNTABILITY. THEY JUST  
22 RUN RAMPANT AND READY TO DESTROY. IF YOU BE CAUGHT ON THE  
23 SIDEWALK DOWNTOWN SKID ROW, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, POLICE  
24 DEPARTMENT MIGHT RUN OVER YOU. BUT THE POLICE COME FIRST AND  
25 THE BULLIES COME SECOND AND THERE IS NO ACCOUNTABILITY FOR





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1 THEIR ACTION. THERE'S NO CRIMINAL COURT. THEY CAN SHOOT  
2 UNKNOWN PEOPLE IN THE BACK OF THE HEAD, IN THE BACK AND THERE  
3 IS NO ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THEIR ACTIONS. WE NEED A GOVERNMENT  
4 THAT CAN REPRESENT ALL PEOPLE. WE SHOULD BRIDGE POLITICAL  
5 RESPONSIBILITY. BUT I SEE WHERE BLACK AMERICA HAS BEEN  
6 DESTROYED IN LOS ANGELES. THE BLACK FAMILY IS DESTROYED. THE  
7 MAJORITY OF PEOPLE THAT LIVE IN LOS ANGELES, THEY'RE NOT BLACK  
8 AMERICA. I'M FROM DOWN SOUTH AND COMPARE DOWN SOUTH AND  
9 MIDWEST. WE COME TO LOS ANGELES AND THINK WE'RE IN ANOTHER  
10 COUNTRY. BUT SOME TYPE OF WAY THAT JUSTICE MUST PREVAIL IN  
11 THIS END TIME. BUT AMERICA HAVE WORSHIPPED A FALSE DEITY. A  
12 FALSE DEITY IS FOLLOWED BY A CURSE AND THE CURSE IS FOLLOWED  
13 BY THE DOOM. WE'RE LIVING IN THE FALL OF AMERICA AND CAN'T  
14 NOTHING STOP IT. THANK GOD FOR THAT.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

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18 **DARRELL KRUSE:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, DON KNABE, I AM DARRELL  
19 KRUSE. FIVE WEEKS AGO I SPOKE AT THE PUBLIC COMMENT AND DON  
20 KNABE INTERJECTED. THERE WAS NO DEAL NUMBER 1. NUMBER 2 WE'RE  
21 ON IT. I ADDRESSED NUMBER 1 TWO WEEKS AGO. LET'S TALK ABOUT  
22 NUMBER 2. OVER A YEAR AGO I NOTICED A PROBLEM SO I CONTACTED  
23 DON KNABE'S OFFICE. EVENTUALLY RICK VELASQUEZ RETURNED MY  
24 CALL. I TOLD HIM WHAT THE PROBLEMS. HE DENIED THEM ALL. HE HAD  
25 TWO DISPENSARIES AND HE SAID YOU ENFORCE IN DISTRICT 4 AND



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1 CLAIMED THE DISPENSARIES WERE IN DISTRICT 1. ON NOVEMBER 17TH,  
2 I CAME HERE TO SPEAK AT PUBLIC COMMENT. HE CALLED ME, BUT I  
3 WAS UPSTAIRS WITH RICK. ON NOVEMBER 20TH, RICK AND I VISITED  
4 TWO OF HIS THEN FOUR DISPENSARIES AND HE SAID HE WOULD  
5 ENFORCE. THEN DON KNABE SAID WE'RE ON IT. WHAT DO YOU MEAN  
6 THAT YOU ARE ENFORCING. YOU NOW HAVE AT LEAST 10 IN DISTRICT 4  
7 AND OVER 30 IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. ON NOVEMBER 23, 2010, YOU  
8 HAD A DISCUSSION ON ENFORCEMENT. REGIONAL PLANNING INSISTED  
9 THEY COULD FINE \$1,000 PER DAY ON EACH DISPENSARY. HOW MUCH OF  
10 THE OVER 10 MILLION HAVE YOU COLLECTED? IS IT BASICALLY THE  
11 POLICY OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO SAY ANYTHING AND DO  
12 NOTHING? CAN YOU GET REGIONAL PLANNING BUSINESS LICENSE,  
13 COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE SHERIFF TO GO OVER THEIR ENFORCEMENT  
14 ACTION TAKEN TO DATE? I HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR THAT REPORT.  
15 HAVE YOU SEEN A LETTER SEND OUT BY BUSINESS LICENSE LAST YEAR  
16 TO A NUMBER OF DISPENSARIES TELLING THEM TO APPLY FOR A  
17 MARIJUANA BUSINESS LICENSE? DID YOU SEE A STATEMENT TO  
18 BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION ON AUGUST 12, 2015? MAYBE YOU SAW  
19 THE EMAIL FROM REGIONAL PLANNING TO BUSINESS LICENSE ADVISING  
20 OF THE BAN ENTITLED 22 ALMOST FIVE YEARS AFTER IT TOOK EFFECT  
21 AND THREE MONTHS AFTER I BROUGHT IT UP TO DON KNABE'S OFFICE.  
22 THEY WERE IGNORING THE BAN.

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24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR.

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1   **DARRELL KRUSE:** --YOU DO NOT PROPERLY ENFORCE--

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3   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AUGUSTINE ISHWALD, CAROLINE SIM,  
4   PATRICIA MENDOZA, HERMAN HERMAN. RED CHIEF HUNT. GERI MANNING.  
5   JACQUELINE AYER. LET'S GET STARTED.

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7   **GERI MANNING:** I'M GERI MANNING. HERE I SPEAK AS THE ORACLE OF  
8   THE LORD GOD JESUS CHRIST. ONE OF THE ELDERS SAID UNTO ME WEEP  
9   NOT. BEHOLD. THE LINE OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH, THE ROOT OF DAVID  
10   HAS PREVAILED. OPEN THE BOOK AND TO LOOSE THE SEVEN SEALS  
11   THEREOF. THOSE SEVEN SEALS WERE LOOSE. LAST WEEK I REPORTED  
12   THEM ON MY FACEBOOK ACCOUNT. THIS IS THE [INAUDIBLE] HOMES  
13   COMMUNITY FROM RIGHT TO LEFT. I WILL REVEAL. MICHAEL D.  
14   ANTONOVICH IS SATAN. DON KNABE IS ST. ANDREW, AND ST. GABRIEL  
15   WHO IS RUSSELL WALDEN. HILDA SOLIS IS REVEALED AS THE EX-  
16   VIRGIN MOTHER MARY. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS IS NOW REVEALED AS  
17   FORMER KING SOLOMON. SHEILA KUEHL IS REVEALED AS SATAN AND  
18   DIANE FEINSTEIN. THIS IS THE END OF THE WORLD. YOU ALL REPORT  
19   TO THE LORD GOD JESUS CHRIST THAT MAN SHOW YOU THE RABBITS AND  
20   HE POINTED THE RABBIT TO THE CURTAIN. THAT'S WHAT YOU USED TO  
21   HANG ON THE STRINGS IN SECRECY. NOW THOSE RABBITS HAS BEEN  
22   REDUCED TO STRINGS. THEY WILL BE REDUCED TO CONFETTI. THIS IS  
23   MY LAST APPEARANCE AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I WILL TAKE MY  
24   CASE TO WASHINGTON FOR TO RETRIBUTE DR. MARTIN--

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

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3    **HERMAN HERMAN:** WHERE'S OUR COMPASSION?

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5    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MISS MENDOZA?

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7    **PATRICIA MENDOZA:** OH, CAN I BE LAST?

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9    **HERMAN HERMAN:** NO COMPASSION. NO COMPASSION WHATSOEVER. YOU  
10    HEARD ABOUT IT. YEAH. THE DWARF GOT RECOGNIZED BY THE DAILY  
11    NEWSPAPER. HE WAS POSTED AS SAYING THAT A GENTLEMAN KNOWN AS  
12    BATMAN APPEARED IN A PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING AND WAS A THREAT.  
13    NO ONE'S A THREAT. NOT EVEN WAYNE SPINDLER'S A THREAT OF 422  
14    A.P.C. THE PROBLEM WITH SOME ELECTED OFFICIALS IS THEY WANT TO  
15    SILENCE YOUR MOUTH. DON'T ALLOW YOU YOUR FIRST AMENDMENT.  
16    DON'T ALLOW YOU YOUR 14TH AMENDMENT. BUT THEY WANT TO REGULATE  
17    US. WE, NOT THE GADFLIES BUT WE THE SPEAKERS OF PUBLIC  
18    COMMENT. SHAME ON YOU FOR SILENCING THOSE WHO PETITION AND  
19    ADVOCATE ON THE ADVOCACY OF PEOPLE'S CIVIL RIGHTS. THEIR  
20    LIBERTIES. AND GIVE THEM A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT'S  
21    HAPPENING IN LOS ANGELES AND IN THE COUNTY. LET US NOT BECOME  
22    POVERTY PIMPS TO SOCIETY AND CONTINUE THE MALICIOUS ACTS  
23    TOWARDS HOMELESSNESS AND HOMELESS PEOPLE. I REALLY HOPE YOU'RE  
24    LISTENING. I REALLY HOPE YOU CARE. THERE HAS BEEN SUCH  
25    OFFENSIVE REMARKS BROUGHT BY THE MEDIA. THERE'S BEEN OFFENSIVE



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1 REMARKS BROUGHT ABOUT BY MITCH ENGLANDER, THE DWARF, WHO HAS  
2 NO OFFICIAL BUSINESS CALLING HIMSELF A POLICEMAN WHEN HE'S NOT  
3 AND MAKING ALLEGATIONS AND THREATS TO THE PUBLIC FOR PUBLIC  
4 INTEREST IN ANY PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING. THANK YOU, SACRAMENTO,  
5 FOR THE ACCEPTING ME THE OTHER DAY. THANK YOU MR. MARK LENO,  
6 SENATOR FOR HEARING ME OUT. HOLLER OUT, SACRAMENTO.

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

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10 **PATRICIA MENDOZA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS PATRICIA MENDOZA.  
11 I WAS HERE ABOUT TWO, THREE MONTHS AGO REGARDING A FAMILY THAT  
12 LIVES IN THE CITY OF LYNWOOD. AND THEY'RE NOT HERE TODAY, BUT  
13 HOPEFULLY NEXT WEEK THEY'LL BE COMING. THEY'RE TENANTS AND  
14 THEY'VE BEEN THERE FOR THREE YEARS. THEY HAVE BEEN LIVING WITH  
15 THE BUILDING THAT'S INFESTED WITH ROACHES. AND FROM THE MOMENT  
16 THEY REPORTED THIS TO THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE  
17 LANDLORD HAS RETALIATED. BUT I'M HERE TODAY BECAUSE WE ALSO  
18 HAVE A BIG PROBLEM REGARDING THIS FAMILY. THE SHERIFF'S  
19 DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY OF LYNWOOD MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS NOT  
20 BEEN PROTECTED THIS FAMILY. THEY'VE BEEN NEGLECTED. THERE WAS  
21 AN INCIDENT MAY 1ST WHERE MY FRIEND'S DAUGHTER AND HUSBAND GOT  
22 BEAT UP BY ALL THE TENANTS IN THE UNIT. AND THEIR LITTLE GIRL  
23 WITNESSED ALL THIS. THERE WERE A TOTAL OF LIKE 20 VEHICLES OF  
24 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT SHOWED UP. AT THE END OF THE NIGHT,  
25 MY CLIENT'S SON, THE TENANT, HE GOT ARRESTED. I WAS HERE AT MY



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1 HOUSE. I LIVE 10 BLOCKS FROM HERE. SO I HAD TO DRIVE TO THE  
2 CITY OF LYNWOOD SO I CAN SPEAK TO THE PERSON IN CHARGE  
3 REGARDING WHAT'S GOING ON AND THAT HE SHOULD NOT BE ARRESTED.  
4 I HAD TO SHOW HIM A LETTER THAT I HAVE ON MY CELL PHONE, WHICH  
5 IS A TEXT THAT WAS SENT FROM THE TENANT TO THE LANDLORD ASKING  
6 FOR HELP IN WHAT'S GOING ON. BUT TODAY MR. RIDLEY, I'M ASKING  
7 YOU AND THE BOARD MEMBERS AND HILDA SOLIS THAT I URGENTLY  
8 REQUESTING AND DEMANDING YOUR HELP FOR AN INVESTIGATION FOR  
9 POLICE REPORTS TO BE DONE AND THAT SOMEONE NEEDS TO BE  
10 ARRESTED BECAUSE I DO BELIEVE THERE IS A LOT OF NEGLIGENCE IN  
11 THAT DEPARTMENT. THEY REFUSE TO PAY ATTENTION TO A PERSON  
12 THAT-- PERSON TREAT WITH CONTEMPT, TO FAIL TO CARE FOR OR GIVE  
13 PROPER ATTENTION TO, TO NOT DO SOMETHING NECESSARY TO AVOID  
14 THE FULFILLMENT OF AN ACT OF INSTANCE OF NEGLIGENCE,  
15 NEGLECTING, NONPERFORMANCE OF WHAT OUGHT TO BE DONE. I DO CALL  
16 THIS WITH--

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18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. I REALIZE YOU WERE  
19 HERE A WHILE BACK. SO IF YOU NEED TO TALK TO A REPRESENTATIVE  
20 FROM THE SHERIFF, WE'LL FACILITATE THAT FOR YOU. OKAY. WE  
21 HAVE--

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23 **RED CHIEF HUNT:** THE RED CHIEF HUNT I STARTED A LOT OF THIS AT  
24 CITY HALL BY CLOSING DOWN CITY HALL WITH DEMANDS AND THINGS  
25 LIKE THAT AND ACTUALLY TAKING THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO



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1 FEDERAL COURT TWICE AND WINNING IN DISTRICT COURT. I WON IN  
2 THE NINTH CIRCUIT AND I ONE IN THE DISTRICT COURT TWO TIMES.  
3 ONE, RIGHT TO DUE PROCESS AND THE OTHER, RIGHT TO FREE SPEECH.  
4 MY WHOLE OBJECTIVE WAS TO GET THINGS DONE WHEN I CAME TO CITY  
5 HALL AND TO PROTECT PEOPLE'S JOBS AND THINGS LIKE THAT. AS YOU  
6 CAN SEE, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS GAVE ME THE UTMOST RESPECT BY  
7 TALKING TO ME. IF YOU TALK TO AN INDIVIDUAL, YOU WILL SEE THAT  
8 THINGS GET HANDLED. THERE IS NO MORE MASS IN THE COUNTY  
9 BUILDING BECAUSE I RESPECT THAT. IT'S A BIG DIFFERENCE WHEN  
10 YOU SIT DOWN AND TALK WITH THE INDIVIDUAL AND SOLVE PROBLEMS.  
11 ALWAYS SAY DEMOCRATS SOLVE PROBLEMS AND PUT PEOPLE FIRST. AND  
12 THIS IS WHAT I'M GOING TO GET TO, WHO I WAS TRAINED BY. I WAS  
13 TRAINED BY CONGRESSWOMAN DIANE WATSON AND SUPERVISOR BURKE AND  
14 JOHN HARRIS. THEY TOOK A LOT OF TIME OUT WITH ME TO MAKE SURE  
15 THEY GOT THINGS DONE RIGHT AND INTRODUCED ME TO DR. HERSHEL  
16 SWINGER. HERE AGAIN, WE DO HAVE ONE PROBLEM THAT'S ON THE  
17 RISE. I HAVEN'T SEEN IT ON THE NEWS YET BUT I ALREADY PUT IN  
18 MY RECOMMENDATION AND IT COMES FROM DR. HERSHEL SWINGER. WE  
19 NEED TO GET INTO D.C.F.S. AND RETRAIN EVERY 90 DAYS SO WE  
20 WON'T HAVE TRAGEDY THERE. WE NEED TO CLEAN UP THAT DEPARTMENT.  
21 AND WE NEED GET FEDERAL FUNDING FOR FOSTER CARE, THINGS LIKE  
22 THAT. THOSE ARE THE THINGS THAT'S DEAR TO MY HEART. KIDS COME  
23 FIRST AND THE ELDERLY PEOPLE COME FIRST. THANK YOU, MARK. MY  
24 HAND GOES OUT TO YOU GUYS AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. YOU GUYS  
25 WON'T SEE NO MORE MASS, I CAN GUARANTEE YOU THAT.





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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MA'AM?

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4 **JACQUELINE AYER:** MY NAME IS JACQUELINE AYER, AND I JUST WANT  
5 TO TAKE A MINUTE TO CORRECT A POTENTIAL MISUNDERSTANDING THAT  
6 THIS BOARD MIGHT HAVE REGARDING AGENDA ITEM 9 WHICH CARRIED  
7 BASED ON REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC THAT THE PRIOR ACTON  
8 TOWN COUNCIL SUPPORTED THE PRIMO BURGER DRIVE THROUGH AND IT'S  
9 ONLY THE CURRENT TOWN COUNCIL THAT OPPOSES IT. I WANTED TO  
10 CLARIFY THAT. THE ACTON TOWN COUNCIL DID SEND A LETTER IN  
11 OCTOBER 6TH OF 2014 APPROVING THE PRIMO BURGER PROJECT. AND A  
12 WEEK AND A HALF LATER THEY SENT A FOLLOW UP LETTER CLARIFYING  
13 THAT THEY STILL APPROVED THE PROJECT BUT IT DID NOT INCLUDE  
14 THE DRIVE-THRU. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THE COMMUNITY OF ACTON THAT  
15 YOUR BOARD UNDERSTAND THAT THE CURRENT TOWN COUNCIL OPERATES  
16 CONSISTENTLY AND IN THE MANNER THAT IS COMPLETELY UNIFORM AND  
17 HAS NOT CHANGED REGARDING PROTECTING [INAUDIBLE] IN OUR  
18 COMMUNITY FROM INTRUSIVE HIGH-TRAFFIC SITUATIONS. THE  
19 APPLICANTS POINTED OUT THE FIRST LETTER THAT APPROVED THE  
20 PROJECT BUT THEY DID NOT POINT OUT TO YOU THAT THERE WAS A  
21 SECOND LATER A WEEK AND A HALF LATER. THAT SECOND LETTER IS  
22 ACTUALLY IN THE RECORD OF THIS PROCEEDING, THE RECORD OF THE  
23 PRIMO BURGER PROJECT. IN FACT IT'S RIGHT NEXT TO THE LETTER  
24 OF-- THE OCTOBER 22ND LETTER IS RIGHT NEXT TO THE OCTOBER 6TH  
25 LETTER. THE TOWN COUNCIL DIDN'T THINK THAT WAS AN ISSUE SO WE



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1 DIDN'T ADDRESS IT IN OUR TESTIMONY BECAUSE IT WAS ALREADY  
2 REFLECTED IN THE RECORD. BUT THE FACT IS THAT THAT ISSUE IS  
3 WHAT APPARENTLY GENERALLY CARRIED THE APPEAL ADDED ANOTHER  
4 DRIVE-THRU IN ACTON WAS A MATTER OF SUBSTANTIAL CONCERN TO ME  
5 BECAUSE IT GAVE THE IMPRESSION TO YOUR BOARD AND THE ACTON  
6 TOWN COUNCIL TODAY IS NOT ACTING CONSISTENTLY WITH THE ACTON  
7 TOWN COUNCIL BEFORE. THE ACTON TOWN COUNCIL BEFORE THE SITTING  
8 MEMBERS TODAY DID NOT APPROVE THIS PROJECT WITH THE DRIVE-THRU  
9 ,WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH OUR SITUATION TODAY. SO THANK YOU  
10 VERY MUCH.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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14 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF  
15 THE BOARD. ON ITEM C.S.-1, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS THAT THIS  
16 ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK AND ON ITEM C.S.-2, THE CHIEF  
17 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE  
18 WEEK. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
19 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JULY 5TH, 2016  
20 AT 1 P.M.

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